

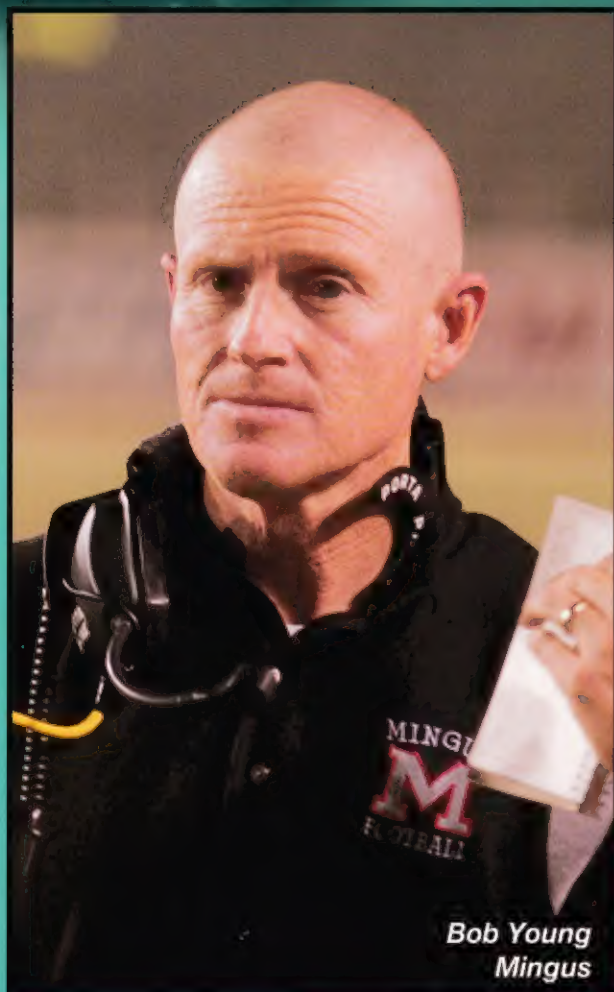
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CENTRAL A (Div. 1)

Basha (2476), Corona del Sol (2791), Desert Vista (2931), Mountain Pointe (2540)

DESERT VALLEY (Div. 1)

Brophy Prep (2532), Desert Mountain (2528), Mountain Ridge (2498), St. Mary's (846), Xavier Prep (2320)

EAST VALLEY (Div. 1)

Dobson (3087), Mesa (3498), Mesa Mountain View (3650), Red Mountain (3770), Westwood (3200)

FIESTA (Div. 1)

Chandler (3060), Gilbert (3223), Hamilton (3182), Highland (2854), Mesquite (3239)

METRO (Div. 1)

Alhambra (2991), Cesar Chavez (2458), Maryvale (2594), North Canyon (2532), Trevor Browne (2957)

SOUTHERN A (Div. 1)

Buena (2807), Casa Grande (3164), Salpointe Catholic (1218), Tucson (2930)

5A CONFERENCE

CENTRAL B (Div. 2)

Desert Ridge (2249), Horizon (2461), Marcos de Niza (2010), Pinnacle (2018), Skyline (2395)

DESERT WEST (Div. 2)

Centennial (2272), Ironwood (2180), La Joya (2331), Sunrise Mountain (2156), Tolleson (2212), Westview (2233)

GILA VALLEY (Div. 2)

Cibola (2382), Gila Ridge (2025), Kofa (2764), San Luis (2163), Yuma (2300)

METRO (Div. 2)

Betty Fairfax (2000), Camelback (2146), Carl Hayden (2353), Central (2312), North (2603), South Mountain (2232)

NORTHWEST (Div. 2)

Barry Goldwater (2126), Boulder Creek (2164), Deer Valley (2192), Kingman (2304), Valley Vista (2029), Willow Canyon (2283)

SOUTHERN B (Div. 2)

Ironwood Ridge (1959), Marana Mountain View (2202), Rincon (2015), Sunnyside (2386)

4A CONFERENCE

DESERT SKY (Div. 1)

Apache Junction (1810), Cactus Shadows (1711), Chaparral (1911), McClintock (1912), Paradise Valley (1745), Saguaro (1647), Shadow Mountain (1841)

KINO (Div. 1)

Cienega (1805), Desert View (1731), Flowing Wells (1929), Nogales (1855), Sabino (1560), Sahuaro (1840)

SONORAN (Div. 1)

Canyon del Oro (1767), Catalina Foothills (1843), Cholla (1827), Marana (1884), Pueblo (1971)

WESTERN SKY (Div. 1)

Apollo (1849), Independence (1854), Sandra Day O'Connor (1868), Prescott (1930), Sunnyslope (1758), Thunderbird (1801)

WEST VALLEY (Div. 1)

Agua Fria (1838), Cactus (1818), Copper Canyon (1750), Lake Havasu (1945), Liberty (1805), Millennium (1768), Peoria (1796)

4A CONFERENCE

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EAST SKY (Div. 2)

Arcadia (1381), Coronado (1333), Higley (1662), Perry (1800), Queen Creek (1554), Seton Catholic (515), Tempe (1361), Williams Field (1771)

GILA (Div. 2)

Amphitheater (1602), Catalina (1571), Douglas (1345), Palo Verde (1557), Rio Rico (1098), Sahuarita (1253), Santa Rita (1286)

GRAND CANYON (Div. 2)

Bradshaw Mountain (1681), Coconino (1326), Flagstaff (1407), Mingus Union (1309), Page (1151), Sinagua (1035)

SKYLINE (Div. 2)

Buckeye (1642), Desert Edge (1621), Dysart (1631), Raymond Kellis (1728), Mohave (1639), Verrado (1650), Youngker (1347)

3A CONFERENCE

EAST

Alchesay (605), Blue Ridge (922), Payson (888), Round Valley (548), Show Low (853), Snowflake (767)

NORTH

Chinle (1154), Ganado (702), Holbrook (741), Monument Valley (924), Tuba City (913), Window Rock (875), Winslow (868)

SOUTH

Coolidge (955), Empire (675), Florence (1150), Fountain Hills (884), Globe (658), Maricopa (880), Safford (810), Santa Cruz (515)

WEST

Chino Valley (792), Estrella Foothills (945), Parker (572), River Valley (888), Sedona Red Rock (559), South Pointe (678), Wickenburg (632)

2A CONFERENCE

CENTRAL

Camp Verde (496), Canyon State (368), Horizon

Honors (352), North Point Prep (355), Northwest Christian (387), Phoenix Country Day (260), Scottsdale Christian (376), Valley Christian (410)

EAST

Benson (414), Bisbee (396), Desert Christian (242), Morenci (273), Thatcher (407), Tombstone (362), Willcox (487)

NORTH

Greyhills (488), Hopi (557), Many Farms (449), Pinon (379), Red Mesa (362), Rough Rock (246), St. Johns (348), Valley (395)

SOUTH

Baboquivari (292), Hayden (145), Miami (366), Pusch Ridge Christian (297), Ray (222), San Carlos (363), San Manuel (350), Superior (157)

WEST

Antelope (394), Arizona Lutheran (187), Bourgade Catholic (411), Phoenix Christian (329), Precision (733), Tonopah Valley (335), Westwind Prep (280), Yuma Catholic (364)

1A CONFERENCE

EAST

Bowie (24), Cibecue (126), Clifton (41), Duncan (148), East Fork (77), Ft. Thomas (182), Pima (188), San Simon (48)

NORTH

Ash Fork (71), Beaver Dam (129), Fredonia (129), Grand Canyon (81), Joseph City (156), Mogollon (199), Music Mountain (45), Northland Prep (178), Rock Point (181), Seligman (43), Shonto Prep (139), St. Michael (144), Williams (232)

SOUTH

Academy of Tucson (173), Ajo (162), ASDB (129), Gila Bend (156), Green Fields (78), Immaculate Heart (60), Lourdes Catholic (97), Patagonia (85), St. Augustine (112), St. David (149), St. Gregory (188), Tanque Verde (190), Tohono O'odham (82), Valley Union (165)

WEST

Bagdad (99), Joy Christian (150), Mayer (207), PDSD (58), Salome (131), Salt River (210), San Pasqual (171), St. Paul's (92), Surrey Garden (68), Tempe Prep (211), Orme (155), Valley Lutheran (148), Verde Valley (118), Veritas Prep (138)

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1:00 Williams vs. Valley Lutheran
4:00 Coconino vs. Washington
7:00 Flagstaff vs. Moon Valley

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NAU Lumberjacks Ready to Go Nine Starters on Offense Back for 2007 Season

By David Kukulski

Northern Arizona University's coaching staff, players and fans hope things come together, so this can be a very special year.

There's every reason for optimism. The Lumberjacks doubled up on victories last year (from three in 2005 to six in 2006). They have 39 returning lettermen, including nine starters on offense and five regulars on defense. NAU posted winning records in the Big Sky Conference (4-3) and overall (6-5), despite opening the season on the road against Arizona State and Utah.

Well, the Lumberjacks deserve a lot of respect. They absorbed one-sided losses to ASU (35-14) and Utah (45-7) before rebounding to win six of the final nine contests.

Even the three defeats showed character: a 39-32 barnburner at home versus Montana State, a 24-21 nail-biter before 23,626 fans at third-ranked Montana and a 34-26 sparring session at the Dome against #25 Portland State.

They won their final two games last fall against Weber State and Northern Colorado by a 96-20 count.

So, can NAU pick up where it left off last year?

Sure, if they can replace QB Jason Murrietta, the runnerup for the coveted Walter Payton Award. Murrietta had a brilliant career with the Jacks. In his senior year alone, he connected on 214 of 329 passes for 2,827 yards and 34 scores against just five interceptions.

Last year's backup – junior Lance



Kenny Mahone was the second leading receiver for the Lumberjacks in 2006, grabbing 40 passes for 474 yards and six touchdowns. He also returned punts and kickoffs for NAU (Paynter Pics).

Kriesien – might get first shot to replace Murrietta. Or it could be one of a couple of other squad members or possibly Fresno State transfer Sean Norton. As a senior, he merely led Hart HS to the CIF Division II title, checking in with an incredible 4,067 yards passing and 44 six-pointers.

Whoever takes over at quarterback will be blessed with a first-class receiving corps. The undisputed leader of that group is returning First-Team All-America Alex Watson. He enjoyed a fan-

tastic junior season, bringing in 82 receptions for 1,017 yards and an eye-popping 15 TDs. Against ASU in the first game of the year, he torched the Sun Devil secondary for 12 catches for 214 yards. He has a great chance to move on to the NFL next year.

But, as good as Watson is, he's far from the whole show. Fellow wideout Kenny Mahone chipped in with 40 receptions for nearly 500 yards and six touchdowns. He's back too. So is Skyler Moore (39 for 687 yards and nine TDs). Ditto TE Shaun Fitzpatrick (20-229-1) and RB Alex Henderson (14-215-1).

Speaking of Henderson, he paced the 2006 NAU running attack, gaining 1,014 yards rushing as a redshirt freshman. The Lumberjack offense may be a little more dependent on the running game, especially early in the year while Coach Souers finds a suitable replacement for the departed Murrietta. Henderson could have a monster career in Flagstaff.

The O-Line returns four of five starters –

including the likes of mammoth tackle Justin Tyler (6-7, 320), Trevor Heekin, Kevin Meagher and Jon Toailoa.

Placekicker Robbie Dehaze was remarkable as a sophomore last fall. He hit 13 of 17 field goal attempts, including 7-10 from 40+ yards. He was also 43 of 44 on PATs, so the kicking game is a big-time plus. Replacing punter Rhian Madrid will be a chore. As a senior in 2006, Madrid merely averaged 44.4 yards per punt, placing 13 down inside the 20.

2007 SCHEDULE

Aug. 30Western New Mexico
 Sept. 8.....at Arizona
 Sept. 15.....at Appalachian St.
 Sept. 22.....Northern Colorado
 Sept. 29at Sacramento St.
 Oct. 6.....at Portland State
 Oct. 13Idaho State
 Oct. 20at Weber State
 Oct. 27Montana
 Nov. 3.....at Montana State
 Nov. 10.....Eastern Washington

Defensively, NAU has a bit more rebuilding to do.

Safety Jeff Wheeler, who led the Jacks in tackles and tied for the lead in interceptions, is gone via graduation. Linebacker Chris Hunsaker was second in tackles and collected 11.5 sacks; he's gone. Another linebacker, D.J. Wade, was third in tackles - gone. Well, you get the idea.

That's not to say some good talent isn't returning. As a junior, DE DeAndre Johnson had 47 total tackles, including 4.5 behind the line of scrimmage. He'll help anchor the defensive line in 2007, along with big DE Drew Hoffman, another senior. Blair Boynton, who was injured against ASU and lost for the season, has recovered and should be a factor along the defensive front.

Senior Shaun Baker is a bruising linebacker and he's back. Joining him will be junior Jared Fano and senior Joe Mitchell.

One of the leaders in the secondary should be senior safety Adam Wright; he registered 40 tackles and a pick last year.

Senior Ricky Wilson is coming off a solid season and will also play a major role as a defensive back.

Cornerback K.J. Gerard is back and ready to play, after being injured in the ASU contest.

Austin Martin had a fine freshman campaign and the Lumberjacks will benefit from his work for the next three years. You might also watch Kurt Karstens, Marcus McIlwain, Niegel Clemens, Trason Bragg and Nate Dedic. Karstens had three interceptions last fall.

Obviously, Souers is hoping some of the underclassmen on last year's team, as well as some of the new recruits shown on this page, can help fill in the gaps.

The NAU defense gave up 27 points and 378 yards of total offense per game last season. Those numbers aren't earth-



Justin Tyler (#73), formerly of Ironwood High School and Colorado State University, starts for NAU at the left tackle position (Paynter Pics).

shattering, but they were good enough to help produce a winning record.

Last fall, the NAU offense recorded 34 points and 405 yards per outing. Impressive statistics. You don't get there

without good coaching, talented players and a lot of hard work.

That's the key to success every year. The Lumberjacks seem to be headed in the right direction. Let's play football!

2007 LUMBERJACK RECRUITS

QB	Sean Norton.....	5-10, 175, Jr.	Valenica, CA
WR.....	Daiveun Chapman	6-2, 195, Fr	Corona, CA
WR.....	Chris Lundgren	5-11, 195, Fr.....	Tucson, AZ
WR.....	Jordan Scott.....	5-10, 185, Fr.....	Phoenix, AZ
WR.....	Justin Smith	5-11, 180, Fr.....	La Quinta, CA
TE.....	Brian Riley	6-4, 240, Fr.....	Tucson, AZ
OL	Jared Chrisman.....	6-5, 285, Fr	San Marcos, CA
OL	Antonio Danek	6-4, 295, Fr	Milwaukie, OR
OL	David Lord	6-6, 330, Jr.	Rialto, CA
OL	Alex Mott.....	6-5, 270, Fr.....	Troutdale, OR
OL	Kris Poindexter	6-2, 280, Fr.....	Phoenix, AZ
OL	John Schactner	6-2, 280, Fr.....	Sunland, CA
DL.....	Isaac Bond.....	6-4, 240, Fr.....	Vancouver, WA
DL.....	Vinnie Paciulli.....	6-1, 295, Fr.....	Phoenix, AZ
LB	David Harris III	6-0, 210, Fr	Denver, CO
LB	Zach McNailey	6-0, 230, So.....	Brentwood, CA
LB	Travis McNaughton	6-0, 225, Fr.....	Huntington Beach, CA
LB	Toolefua Samuelu	6-1, 220, Fr	Oakland, CA
LB	Jake Welch	6-2, 240, Fr	Yorba Linda, CA
LB	Chris Woods	6-2, 220, Fr	Venice, CA
DB	Drew Bernhardt	6-1, 205, Fr	Las Vegas, NV
DB	Tyler Brown.....	6-1, 205, Fr	Fremont, CA
DB	Pierre Girtley.....	5-11, 180, Fr	Yucaipa, CA
DB	Raphael Mack	5-11, 182, Jr.	Gilbert, AZ
DB	Jimmy Mitchell	5-11, 185, Fr	Las Vegas, NV
DB	Kasseem Osheroff	5-11, 205, Fr	Portland, OR

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QUARTERBACKS

Trevor Athay, Lake Havasu, 6-2, 205, Sr.
 Nick Curley, Tuba City, 5-11, 185, Jr.
 Hayden Eagar, Round Valley, 6-3, 170, Jr.
 Ridge Halenar, Payson, 5-11, 190, Jr.
 Cel Hernandez, Parker, 5-9, 170, Sr.
 Ryan Hill, Flagstaff, 6-1, 195, Sr.
 Jerry Johns, Hopi, 5-8, 175, Sr.
 Jared McCarthur, Show Low, 5-11, 165, Sr.
 Gaige McKean, Bagdad, 6-1, 165, Jr.
 Randy Queen, Mohave, 6-0, 160, Jr.
 Harold Quintero, Alchesay, 6-0, 170, Sr.
 Randall Raban, St. Johns, 5-11, 160, Sr.
 Drew Vaughan, Wickenburg, 5-11, 175, Sr.
 Bryan Williams, Blue Ridge, 6-3, 190, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS

Steel Armstrong, Blue Ridge, 6-0, 205, Jr.
 Damien Baca, Camp Verde, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 Carlos Baiela, Holbrook, 5-8, 150, Sr.
 Patrick Bailey, Flagstaff, 6-0, 195, Sr.
 Zack Baldwin, Joseph City, 5-8, 170, So.
 Gavin Beaudry, Bagdad, 6-0, 190, Sr.
 Shad Bride, St. Johns, 6-0, 190, Jr.
 Levi Carter, Prescott, 6-1, 225, Sr.
 Sean DeWitt, Joseph City, 6-1, 205, Sr.
 Layton Dickerson, Mingus, 5-11, 180, Sr.
 Matt Hilton, River Valley, 5-10, 176, Sr.
 Johnny Ray Kennedy, Chino Valley, 5-9, 180, Jr.
 Anthony Lozoya, River Valley, 5-8, 170, Jr.
 Ben Pigg, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-10, 176, Sr.
 Aaron Perkins, Holbrook, 5-8, 175, So.
 Devin Peterson, Snowflake, 5-11, 190, Sr.
 Chris Shipp, Prescott, 5-8, 185, Sr.
 Aaron Want, Mayer, 5-9, 155, Jr.
 Micheal Yellowhorse, Valley, 6-0, 185, Jr.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Skyler Branch, Prescott, 6-0, 180, Sr.
 Josh Clelland, Chino Valley, 6-0, 170, Sr.
 Derek Giger, Show Low, 6-1, 205, Sr.
 Jordan Nikoulous, Show Low, 6-0, 180, Sr.
 Logan Roger, Snowflake, 5-9, 160, Sr.
 Josh Shirley, Coconino, 6-2, 160, Sr.
 Jimmy Tate, Tuba City, 6-0, 195, So.
 Paul Wells, Wickenburg, 6-1, 170, Sr.
 Dillion Winiecki, Flagstaff, 6-4, 185, Sr.
 Sterling Wise, Blue Ridge, 6-1, 185, Sr.

TIGHT ENDS

Tim Kessel, Mingus, 6-4, 210, Sr.
 Alike Lemmon, Orme, 6-5, 185, So.
 Cory Thellmann, Joseph City, 6-3, 190, Jr.

LINEMEN

Scott Andrus, Payson, 6-2, 265, Sr.
 Bryan Barberena, Prescott, 6-0, 200, Sr.
 Vincent Begay, Tuba City, 6-2, 275, Sr.
 Ryan Best, Holbrook, 5-10, 260, Jr.
 Dewight Boyd, Blue Ridge, 6-5, 275, Sr.
 Matt Buehler, Bradshaw Mt., 6-1, 220, Sr.
 Juston Covolt, Show Low, 6-1, 220, Sr.
 Roper Crook, Hopi, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 Jake Duthie, St. Johns, 6-0, 185, Sr.
 Dorrian Edwards, Mohave, 6-4, 260, Sr.
 Aaron Feichter, Chino Valley, 6-2, 230, Sr.
 Blake Crissman, Wickenburg, 6-2, 225, Jr.
 Julian Gradhoff, Orme, 6-3, 235, Sr.
 Aaron Hauser, Mingus, 6-6, 320, Sr.
 Ben Hauser, Camp Verde, 6-1, 230, Sr.
 Morti Jim, Holbrook, 5-10, 220, Jr.
 Tyler Hughes, Mohave, 6-2, 260, Sr.
 Josh Johnson, Alchesay, 5-9, 205, Sr.
 Garrett Kalemsa, Hopi, 5-9, 220, Sr.
 Jon Langdon, Mayer, 6-2, 230, Sr.
 Joseph Larsen, Winslow, 6-2, 225, Sr.
 Aaron Marsh, Wickenburg, 6-3, 190, Sr.
 Gabe Munoz, Mohave, 6-3, 285, Sr.
 Jake Ray, Round Valley, 6-2, 220, Jr.
 A.J. Rodriguez, Snowflake, 6-1, 250, Sr.
 Jarrett Shughart, Flagstaff, 6-2, 235, Sr.
 Tad Sioama, River Valley, 6-2, 260, Jr.
 John Soto, Kingman, 5-11, 220, Sr.
 Justin Van Horne, Mayer, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 Matt Weber, Camp Verde, 6-3, 270, Sr.
 Jarrett Yargus, Bagdad, 6-2, 190, Jr.

LINEBACKERS

Cody Adams, Mohave, 6-2, 220, Sr.
 Isaac Chavez, Prescott, 6-1, 215, Sr.
 Johnny Cordova, Coconino, 5-10, 180, Jr.
 Kevin Gollehar, Bradshaw Mt., 5-10, 180, Sr.
 Emmanuel Hernandez, Mingus, 5-10, 210, Sr.
 Lucas Hull, Coconino, 5-10, 170, Sr.
 B.J. Hill, Payson, 5-11, 155, Sr.
 Josh Honacer, River Valley, 5-8, 165, Sr.
 Yoon Kim, Orme, 6-1, 210, Sr.

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Frank Larzslere, Alchesay, 5-9, 185, Jr.
 Michael Riger, Kingman, 6-2, 200, Sr.
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 Sterling Stradling, St. Johns, 6-0, 170, Sr.
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 Tell Udall, Round Valley, 5-9, 185, Sr.
 Mike Walton, Lake Havasu, 5-11, 175, Sr.
 Garrett Worster, Chino Valley, 5-9, 180, Jr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Tim Austill, Mingus, 6-0, 160, Sr.
 Matt Boyd, Blue Ridge, 6-1, 170, Jr.
 Bauer Brawn, Round Valley, 5-9, 150, Sr.
 Zach Brooks, Payson, 6-1, 165, Sr.
 Eric Cordova, Coconino, 5-8, 140, Sr.
 Byron Davis, Monument Valley, 5-11, 180, Sr.
 Jared Garder, Joseph City, 5-8, 160, Jr.
 John Gonzales, Winslow, 5-9, 165, Sr.
 Rob Grabowski, Winslow, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 Evan Hamblin, Round Valley, 6-1, 170, Sr.
 Justin Kilduff, Bradshaw Mt., 5-10, 158, Jr.
 Keith Knudsen, Prescott, 6-2, 185, Jr.
 Lionel Manygoats, Tuba City, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 Sheldon Murphy, Wickenburg, 5-9, 160, Jr.
 Philip O'Dell, Show Low, 6-1, 180, Sr.
 Luke O'Sullivan, Mayer, 5-10, 170, Sr.
 Cody Overbay, Snowflake, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 Tony Pawesiema, Hopi, 5-8, 165, Jr.
 Warren Quintero, Alchesay, 5-10, 165, Sr.
 Will Trahin, Camp Verde, 5-11, 185, Sr.

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RB.....	Damien Baca, Camp Verde, 5-11, 185, Sr.
RB.....	Patrick Bailey, Flagstaff, 6-0, 195, Sr.
RB.....	Shane Bride, St. Johns, 6-0, 190, Jr.
RB.....	Layton Dickerson, Mingus, 5-11, 180, Sr.
RB.....	Luke O'Sullivan, Mayer, 5-10, 170, Sr.
RB.....	Devin Peterson, Snowflake, 5-11, 190, Sr.
RB.....	Ben Pigg, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-10, 176, Sr.
RB.....	Micheal Yellowhorse, Valley, 6-0, 185, Jr.
WR.....	Skyler Branch, Prescott, 6-0, 180, Sr.
WR.....	Derek Giger, Show Low, 6-1, 205, Sr.
WR.....	Logan Roger, Snowflake, 5-9, 160, Sr.
WR.....	Jimmy Tate, Tuba City, 6-0, 195, So.
TE.....	Tim Kessel, Mingus, 6-4, 210, Sr.
L.....	Scott Andrus, Payson, 6-2, 265, Sr.
L.....	Vincent Begay, Tuba City, 6-2, 275, Sr.
L.....	Dewight Boyd, Blue Ridge, 6-5, 275, Sr.
L.....	Blake Crissman, Wickenburg, 6-2, 226, Jr.
L.....	Dorrian Edwards, Mohave, 6-4, 260, Sr.
L.....	Aaron Hauser, Mingus, 6-6, 320, Sr.
L.....	Joseph Larsen, Winslow, 6-2, 225, Sr.
L.....	Jarrett Shughart, Flagstaff, 6-2, 235, Sr.
LB.....	Cody Adams, Mohave, 6-2, 220, Sr.
LB.....	Matt Buehler, Bradshaw Mountain, 6-1, 220, Sr.
LB.....	Isaac Chavez, Prescott, 6-1, 215, Sr.
LB.....	Emmanuel Hernandez, Mingus, 5-10, 210, Sr.
LB.....	Yoon Kim, Orme, 6-1, 210, Sr.
LB.....	Michael Riger, Kingman, 6-2, 200, Sr.
LB.....	Travis Trickey, Round Valley, 6-4, 225, Sr.
LB.....	Sean DeWitt, Joseph City, 6-1, 205, Sr.



The 2007 Flagstaff Eagles will feature Ryan Hill at quarterback. He could enjoy a banner senior season (Paynter Pics).

DB.....	Zach Brooks, Payson, 6-1, 165, Sr.
DB.....	Byron Davis, Monument Valley, 5-11, 180, Sr.
DB.....	Keith Knudsen, Prescott, 6-2, 185, Sr.
DB.....	Aaron Want, Mayer, 5-9, 155, Jr.
K.....	Jordan Brandel, Flagstaff, 5-8, 150, Sr.



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Prescott, Mingus, Flagstaff 4A Contenders Wickenburg, Blue Ridge Battle for 3A Honors

KINGMAN is the only Northern Arizona school competing at the 5A level. The Bulldogs are members of the 5A-2 Northwest Region, comprised of rivals Barry Goldwater, Boulder Creek, Deer Valley, newcomer Valley Vista and Willow Canyon.

Tough company, indeed! Kingman (1-9 in 2006) is counting on OT/LB Michael Riger (6-2, 200) and FB/LB John Soto (5-11, 220) to spark their teammates to a better slate in 2007.

"We had a very successful 2006 season," says **PRESCOTT** Head Coach Lou Beneitone. "Many players are working hard, wanting to repeat last year's success. Our biggest slot to fill is the quarterback position. Dan Trail, the QB from last year, will be a big loss."

But the Badgers have a powerful bunch of 22 veterans from last year's 9-3 varsity. Headliners of that group are WR/DL/LB Isaac Chavez (6-1, 215), RB/DB Keith Knudsen (6-2, 185), OL/LB Bryan Barberena (6-0, 200), RB/DB Skyler Branch (6-0, 180), RB/DB Chris Shipp (5-8, 185) and RB Levi Carter (6-1, 225) – all twelfth-graders.

Heavy contributions are also expected from OL Troy Boehm (6-2, 220, Sr.), OL/DL Daniel Brutinel (6-2, 234, Sr.), LB Lopati HoChee (6-0, 205, Sr.), TE/DL Jordan Magdeleno (6-2, 210, Sr.), OL/DL Spencer Campbell (5-11, 250, Jr.), RB/DB Jacob Jarvis (6-1, 195, Jr.), WR/DB Brian Scatos (6-1, 175, So.), TE/DE Nick Randall (6-3, 190, Jr.) and TE/DE Jordan Pruzina (6-3, 205, Jr.).

Either Trevor Cruz or Josh Chavez should win the nod at quarterback. TE/DE Ty Asay (6-4, 215) is a senior transfer from West Virginia.

LAKE HAVASU tackles its upcoming season with senior field general Trevor Athay (6-2, 205) at the helm. As a junior, he passed for over 1,000 yards and ran for nearly 900 more. He's a dynamic player for the Knights.

Also, keep your eyes on senior line-backer Mike Walton (5-11, 175). Last year he tallied 82 tackles and was all over the field.

Lake Havasu plays in the highly competitive 4A-1 West Valley Region against



Prescott Coach Lou Beneitone is counting on seniors like RB/DB Keith Knudsen (#22) to deliver big plays for the Badgers this year (Paynter Pics).

powerhouses Agua Fria, Cactus, Millennium and Peoria. Wins can be tough to come by, but the Knights (1-10 in 2006) are working hard to have more success.

The **MINGUS** Marauders have been in the 4A-2 title hunt the last couple of seasons. In 2005, Coach Bob Young guided his squad to the finale, where Mingus bowed to Palo Verde by a 15-7 count. In 2006, Mingus, seeded fifth, was eliminated by #4 Washington, 27-21, in the state quarterfinals.

Could it be that this 2007 team will produce the Marauders' first state football crown since 1997?

If that happens, you can count on running back Layton Dickerson to supply much of the firepower. As a junior, he rushed for over 1,200 yards and hit the end zone 21 times. Now a 5-11, 180-pound senior, he'll use his 4.5 speed to make life miserable for opposing teams.

And he's lucky enough to have some top-notch linemen opening the holes. Pay attention to OT/DT Aaron Hauser (6-2, 320, Sr.), OL C.J. Taylor (6-2, 210, Jr.),

OL/DL Joe Chavez (6-2, 280, Sr.), OL/DL Brad Dixon (5-10, 230, Sr.) and OL/DL Justin Schultz (5-10, 210, Sr.).

Two more honors candidates – LB Emmanuel Hernandez (5-10, 210, Sr.) and TE/DE Tim Kessel (6-4, 210, Sr.) – should be key performers for the Marauders.

Others to watch include WR/DB Tim Austill (6-0, 160), RB Trevor Jones (5-8, 170), RB/DB Tyler Thompson (5-8, 170) and LB Joe Loehr (5-9, 180) – all seniors.

Altogether, Young has 25 lettermen back from his 10-3 team of a year ago. And, by the way, the JV finished with a perfect 8-0 mark in 2006.

Be ready to battle when you play the Marauders!

FLAGSTAFF has a new head mentor in Eric Affholter. The Eagles will certainly miss James Brooks (our Northern Arizona Player of the Year, see page 12), but a number of capable football players are ready to step in.

How well senior quarterback Ryan Hill (6-1, 195) plays will determine a lot about the upcoming season. He's in his first full year as a starter, but he has the

Northern 4A-2 Top 7

- 1) **Mingus Marauders** **Definite Grand Canyon Region Favorites**
- 2) **Flagstaff Eagles** **Affholter Takes Over Coaching Position**
- 3) **Mohave Thunderbirds** **Big Guys Up Front**
- 4) **Bradshaw Mountain Bears** **Buehler, Pigg Key Players**
- 5) **Sinagua Mustangs** **3-8 in 2006 with Very Young Team**
- 6) **Coconino Panthers** **Ragan Faces Rebuilding Year**
- 7) **Page Sand Devils** **Looking to Turn Things Around**

tools to be a very good field general.

Providing protection will be the likes of senior linemen Jarrett Shughart (6-2, 235) and Lias Hastings (6-1, 200).

Other Eagles of note are RB/DB Patrick Bailey (6-0, 195), WR/DB Dillion Winiecki (6-4, 185), RB/K Jordan Brandel (5-8, 150) and RB/LB Ricardo Soto (5-9, 170) – all seniors.

Coach Al Melo and his **MOHAVE** Thunderbirds should be in the mix this time out. An imposing number (27) of returning lettermen could really make things happen in 2007.

Up front, Mohave has OL Dorrian Edwards (6-4, 260, Sr.), OL/DL Tyler Hughes (6-2, 260, Sr.) and OL/DL Gabe Munoz (6-3, 285, Sr.) to clear the way.

Randy Queen (6-0, 160, Jr.) calls the signals at quarterback, while FB/LB Cody Adams (6-2, 220, Sr.), RB Andrew Jackson (5-8, 160, Sr.), FB/LB Jay Mejia (5-10, 185, Sr.), TE/DE Tommy Taylor (6-5, 190, Sr.) and WR/LB Nick Padilla (6-1, 185, Sr.) make big plays. Kicker Matt Boyd (5-10, 160, Sr.) is also a reliable weapon.

Mohave was 6-5 in 2006. Expect good results in 2007.

We expect the Bears of **BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN** to fare better this fall.

Twenty-six lettermen are available from last year's squad (3-8) and Coach Chuck Apap will put them to good use in 2007.

Versatile Ben Pigg (5-10, 176) and powerful Matt Buehler (6-1, 220) are key seniors for Bradshaw Mountain this year. Pigg is good at just about everything he tries; he's a running back, defensive back, placekicker and punter for the Bears. He's also their fastest player. Buehler is a rock at both offensive guard and linebacker.

The quarterback could be recent transfer Marshall Bailey (6-2, 195, Jr.). Others to watch are WR/DB Justin Kilduff (5-10, 158, Sr.), RB/OLB Kevin Golleher (5-10, 180, Sr.), OL Kyle Arias (6-2, 278, Jr.), LB Steve Dutson (5-9, 203, Sr.), DT Emiliano Velazquez (5-10, 192, Sr.), DT Dillon Doucette (5-11, 327, Jr.), OG Joshua Campbell (5-8, 200, Jr.) and DT Devin Martinez (5-11, 203, So.).

"We will be very young and inexperi-

enced," says **COCONINO** Head Coach Tadd Ragan. Only six varsity veterans are slated to return for the Panthers, 2-8 in 2006.

This squad may be lacking in some positions, but there are plenty of running backs and linebackers, headed by Johnny Cordova (5-10, 180, Jr.), Lucas Hull (5-10, 170, Jr.), Isaac Hector (5-10, 160, So.), Amos Combrink (5-10, 160, So.) and Brad Nittman (5-10, 160, So.).

The starting quarterback figures to be Matt Robertson, a 6-3, 180-pound junior. His chief receivers are Eric Cordova (5-8, 140, Sr.) and Josh Shirley (6-2, 160, Sr.). The top returning lineman is Troy Drovinn, a 6-3, 190-pound sophomore.

As good as Coolidge has been in recent years, **WICKENBURG** is still in the picture and deserves our utmost respect. Coach Norris Vaughan and his Wranglers battled past 13 straight rivals last year before dropping a hard-fought contest to Coolidge in the finals. Could another "Big Game Appearance" be just ahead?

Returning all-state quarterback Drew Vaughan (6-0, 174) will do his best to direct his team past the Bears in 2007. He completed 65% of his passes in 2006, good for 1,941 yards.

He has plenty of help too, thanks to 19 other lettermen back in uniform.

However, the offense returns just three starters, while the defense has eight regulars ready to go. Coach Vaughan will blend in the guys of last year's 8-0-1 JV.

Junior Blake Crissman (6-2, 225) earned all-state recognition as a sophomore tackle last fall. Sheldon Murphy (5-9, 160), another junior, is remarkable in the secondary. Senior DE Aaron Marsh (6-3, 190) could blossom into a college prospect.

Besides Crissman and Marsh, the line features DL Matt Deacon (5-10, 225, Sr.) and DE Dallas Mills (6-3, 180, Jr.). Best backer is Kellan Henderson (5-10, 185, Sr.), while the secondary is well-stocked with Jordan Pollec (5-10, 150, Jr.), Enrique Bernal (5-10, 160, Jr.) and Lane Leevitt (5-11, 160, Sr.) ready to defend. Kicker Derek

Sievert (6-0, 180, Sr.) could be the difference in close games.

BLUE RIDGE, 8-4 in 2006, returns a solid foundation of players from a year ago. At the top of that list is senior quarterback Bryan Williams (6-3, 190). He has started 23 games thus far for the Yellowjackets and Head Coach Paul Moro thinks he has the ability to play college football.

Moro has seen plenty of good players in his 22-year career. His overall record of 233-41 borders on the unbelievable.

Williams will have plenty of familiar faces in the huddle, namely returning regulars RB Jose Rosales (5-10, 170, Sr.), RB Steel Armstrong (6-0, 205, Jr.), RB Isaah Parker (5-9, 180, Sr.), FL Ryan Martinez (5-9, 150, Sr.), SE Sterling Wise (6-1, 185, Sr.), TE Brian Ditton (6-0, 175, Sr.) and OL Dewight Boyd (6-5, 275, Sr.), Andy Chintis (6-0, 185, Sr.) Michael Lundgren (6-0, 195, Sr.) and Justin Webb (5-11, 180, Sr.).

Williams, Armstrong, Wise, Boyd and Lundgren also start on defense, along with DE Steve Parkinson (5-11, 175, Sr.), LB Justin Herrera (5-9, 180, Sr.), SS Griffin Sturn (5-11, 165, Jr.), CB Ryan Martinez (5-9, 150) and CB Dustin Simmons (5-10, 165, Jr.).

Others to watch are Nick Donahue, Andrew Haupt, James Pacheco, George Rucker, Josh Rogerson, Tyler Beus, Hayden Jones, Clayton Lee, Daniel Mendez, Nathan Schimmel, Gerald Stead, Steven Pearson and Jose Campos.

ROUND VALLEY is returning to its glory days. With Coach Russ Semore at the helm, the Elks were excellent in 2006, winning 11 of 12 contests. A respectable eight lettermen are back in uniform and members of last season's 9-1 junior varsity will also make big contributions.

It's difficult to overlook standout players like Travis Trickey, a 6-4, 225-pound senior linebacker. He's among the best in the state.

His running mate at another linebacker slot is senior Tell Udall (5-9, 185), while corners Evan Hamblin (6-1, 170) and Bauer Brown (5-9, 150) are also highly regarded.

The junior class is led by QB Hayden Eager (6-3, 170) and OT Jake Ray (6-2, 220). Coach Semore has a nifty 29-9 record in his three years in Springerville. It's more of the same for Round Valley in 2007.

WINSLOW has put together a nice run the last couple of years. The Bulldogs reached the title game in 2005, dropping a 34-19 decision to Coolidge.

Then, last November, Winslow

advanced to the state semis, only to lose a heartbreaking 28-24 match to – you guessed it – eventual champion Coolidge.

Will this be the year the Bulldogs outlast the Coolidge Bears – and everyone else?

A good nucleus returns, paced by performers like OL/DL Joseph Larsen (6-2, 225), QB/DB John Gonzales (5-9, 165) and RB/SS Ray Grabowski (6-0, 175) – all seniors.

SNOWFLAKE has great speed on its side this year. Seniors Devin Peterson (5-11, 190), Logan Roger (5-9, 160), Cody Overbay (5-9, 155) and junior Matt Reidhead (5-8, 180) can all fly. All run 4.6 or better and Reidhead has clocked 10.87 in the 100 meters. Peterson and Reidhead are runners, while Roger and Overbay are receivers.

Quarterbacking the 2007 Lobos will be Nick Reidhead (5-10, 170, Sr.). Others to watch from last season's 4-7 club are OL/DL A.J. Rodriguez (6-1, 250, Sr.) and TE/LB Isaac Urling (6-2, 185, Sr.). A total of 30 lettermen return for Coach Adam Larsen.

There has been a coaching change at **SHOW LOW**. New head man Randy Ricedorff has introduced himself to 15 returning letterwinners from the 2006 group that finished 8-2.

He has five senior starters back, namely QB Jared McCarthur (5-11, 165), REC/DB Jordan Nikoulous (6-0, 180), REC/DE Derek Giger (6-1, 205), OT/DE Juston Covolt (6-1, 220) and RB/DB Phill O'Dell (6-1, 180) – all seniors.

Coach Bob David is ready for the season to begin. His **CHINO VALLEY** Cougars should be more than competitive, since 22 letterwinners are back.

Speedy Josh Clelland, a starter at wide receiver and free safety, is a player to watch. He's a 6-0, 170-pound senior with 4.5 speed.

Other skill-position players for Chino Valley are QB/DB J.J. Strickland (6-0, 170, Sr.), QB/LB Cole Whisenhunt (6-2, 175, Jr.), FB/DL Allen Feichter (6-2, 230, Sr.), TB/LB Johnny Ray Kennedy (5-9, 180, Jr.), HB/MLB Garrett Worster (5-9, 180, Jr.), WR/CB Wade Parker (5-10, 140, Jr.) and WB/CB Tyler Johnson (5-8, 170, Sr.).

Best of the big guys are OT/DL Merlin Hyland (5-11, 190, Sr.), OT/DL Cody Charlton (6-0, 220, Sr.) and C/DL Jess Feichter (6-1, 200, Jr.).

Plenty of returning tackles and running backs for Coach Josh Anderson at **PAYSON**, 4-6 last fall. The veteran linemen include honors candidate Scott Andrus (6-2, 265, Sr.), Matt Wilson (6-6, 260, Jr.) and Bryan Burke (6-5, 230, Jr.).

Northern 3A Top 10

- 1) **Wickenburg Wranglers**Challenging for Top Spot
- 2) **Blue Ridge Yellowjackets**Williams Strong Leader at QB
- 3) **Round Valley Elks**11-1 Last Fall
- 4) **Winslow Bulldogs**Finalists in 2005, Semifinalists in 2006
- 5) **Snowflake Lobos**New Coach Inherits 30 Lettermen
- 6) **Show Low Cougars**3A East Region Contenders
- 7) **Chino Valley Cougars**6-4 in 2006, Better in 2007?
- 8) **Payson Longhorns**Big Scott Andrus Provides Power
- 9) **River Valley Dust Devils**Coach Bower 32-12 in 4 Years
- 10) **Tuba City Warriors**Coach Tate Ready for Big Year

Carrying the pigskin will be B.J. Hill (5-11, 155, Sr.), David Carlen (6-2, 205, Jr.), Shane Keith (6-2, 180, Jr.) and Brandon Alexander (5-9, 165, So.).

A dozen lettermen are back from the team that won four and lost six last fall. Other mainstays include WR/DB Zach Brooks (6-1, 165, Sr.), QB/LB Ridge Halenar (5-11, 190, Jr.) and WR/DB Tyler Savage (6-2, 195, Jr.).

Coach Barry Bower likes his team at **RIVER VALLEY**. He welcomes back 19 lettermen from a solid 7-4 unit in 2006.

And there's some real talent on his side of the field, such as RB/OLB Josh Honacer (5-8, 165, Sr.), FB/LB Matt Hilton (5-10, 176, Sr.), OL/DL Tad Sioama (6-2, 260, Jr.), FB/CL Anthony Lozoya (5-8, 170, Jr.), OL/DL Chris Cashman (6-0, 225, Sr.), WR/DB Robert Roberson (5-6, 150, Sr.) and QB/LB Jake Anselmo (5-9, 170, Jr.).

The Dust Devils were just good enough to make the playoffs last year, falling in the first round to Coolidge, the two-time defending 3A State Champions.

TUBA CITY, well known for its prowess on the basketball court, is gearing up for a huge 2007 season. Coach Bryan Tate, formerly of Pine View High School in St. George, Utah, is very optimistic this team can be something special. "This is the strongest, fastest team I've had since I've been here," says Tate. The Warriors were a solid 8-5 last year, losing in the first round of the 3A state playoffs to 3A East power Show Low.

Tuba City's leading players this fall should be WR/SS Jimmy Tate (6-0, 195, So.), OT/DT Vincent Begay (6-2, 275, Sr.), QB/CB Nick Curley (5-11, 185, Jr.) and WR/S Lionel Manygoats (5-11, 185, Sr.). This talented quartet has already begun to receive individual recognition and Coach Tate is counting on them to help move his club forward in the standings.

Others to watch include OG Chris Martinez (5-11, 210, Sr.), TE/MLB

Antonio Juarez (6-0, 210, Sr.), OT/DT Alden Bennett (6-1, 265, Sr.), C Zac Curley (6-1, 255, So.), OG/DE Calvin Putsoy (6-1, 255, Jr.), OG/DE Duane Molina (6-2, 285, Jr.), TB/CB Ty Nocideneh (5-11, 175, Jr.) and FB/MLB Michael Dee (5-11, 235, Jr.).

Justin Colorado, Justin Daw, Herschel Nez, Ryan Yazzie, Preston Paddock and Jeremiah Greason will also contribute.

HOLBROOK has moved from the 3A East to the 3A North this year. "We're in a new region, so I'm not familiar with the teams," says Head Coach Terry Farmer.

He'll have impressive numbers – 30 letterwinners, 18 starters – back from last season's 2-8 squad. Will that experience and playing in a new region help the Roadrunners? We'll see.

Farmer's best returning players are RB/LB Carlos Baiela (5-8, 150, Sr.), RB/LB Adrian Perkins (5-8, 175, So.), OL/DL Ryan Best (5-10, 260, Jr.), OL/DL Morti Jim (5-10, 220, Jr.), RB/LB Richard Serna (5-9, 135, Sr.), WR/DB Marcos Serna (5-8, 140, Jr.), TE/DE Bubba Page (6-1, 185, Jr.), WR/DB Marcus Castillo (5-8, 140, So.), RB/DE Scott Tafoya (6-0, 170, So.) and OL/DL Tyrell Sulu (5-9, 220, Jr.).

Holbrook has a chance to be much improved.

ALCHESAY split its 10-game schedule last year and has eight starters still available from that group. Lining up against 3A East rivals Blue Ridge, Payson, Round Valley, Show Low and Snowflake is no bargain, but Coach Brandon Newcomb has the Falcons playing hard.

The offensive backfield features QB Harold Quintero (6-0, 170), RB Warren Quintero (5-10, 165), junior FB Frank Larzslere (5-9, 185), RB Ellard Walker (6-0, 180) and junior RB Hobert Walker (6-0, 190).

Senior Carley Edwards (5-9, 215) is a good target at tight end, while SS Vancelor Edwards (5-9, 165, Sr.) helps anchor the secondary. Noteworthy linemen are Josh Johnson (5-9, 205), McKale

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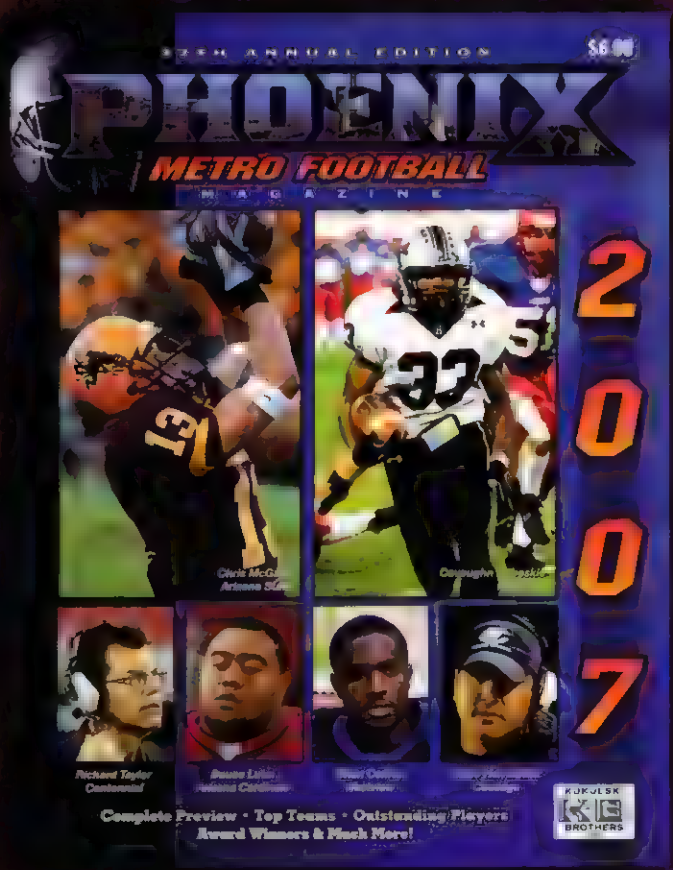
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Northern 2A Top 5

- 1) **St. Johns Redskins**Well-Balanced Team
- 2) **Camp Verde Cowboys**.....Baca Great Prep Running Back
- 3) **Valley Pirates**Yellowhorse Great Prep Running Back
- 4) **Hopi Bruins**.....New Coach Welcomes 11 Varsity Veterans
- 5) **Red Mesa Redskins**Competing in Rugged 2A North Region

Parrish (5-10, 225) and Elias Walker (6-1, 280). All three are seniors and play on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

PARKER has a top-notch quarterback running its offense again this season. Senior Cel Hernandez (5-9, 170) registered some good numbers last year (1,128 yards passing, good for 10 touchdowns); he'll attempt to improve on those stats in 2007.

ST. JOHNS is always a contender for region and state titles. This year will be no different.

Coach Mike Morgan has been on the job for 18 years at St. Johns and his record is amazing (176-31-2). His Redskins (9-3 last fall) advanced to the state quarterfinals in 2006, losing a tight 21-18 battle to Phoenix Christian.

His top returning player could be a junior; that's RB/LB Shad Bride, a 6-0, 190-pounder. He'll share carries with Sterling Stradling (6-0, 170, Sr.), Troy Six (5-8, 150, Sr.) and Kyle Hauser (6-0, 165, Jr.). The quarterbacking duties likely will go to either senior Randall Raban (5-11, 160) or junior Byron Wahl (6-2, 190). Junior Daniel Waite (6-1, 170) leads the group of receivers.

Two-way linemen Jake Duthie (6-0, 185, Sr.), Randy Brook (5-8, 200, Sr.), Joel Sullivan (6-1, 190, Sr.), Kenny Cuiriz (6-1, 230, So.) and Mark Carter (5-10, 235, So.) are invaluable to the Redskins.

What a plus for **CAMP VERDE** to have senior Damien Baca (5-11, 185) back for another year. As a junior in 2006, Baca sprinted for 1,800 yards and 24 TDs rushing, as the Cowboys won 9 of 12 outings.

Nine other lettermen return from that team for Coach Luke Steege. Besides Baca, his mainstays this season should be RB/S Will Trahin (5-11, 185, Sr.), OL/DL Matt Weber (6-3, 270, Sr.), OL/DL Ben Hauser (6-1, 230, Sr.), LB Randy Rezzonico (6-0, 195, Sr.), WR/DB Brendan Nelson (5-11, 165, Sr.), WR/DB Ritchie Watson (5-11, 145, Jr.) OL/DL Wally Saylors (6-0, 270, Jr.) and OL/DL Ryan Carrol (6-1, 185, Jr.).

This should be one of Steege's best teams in his eight-year tenure at Camp Verde.

VALLEY has breakaway back Micheal

Yellowhorse (6-0, 185) returning for his junior season. He was definitely a super soph in 2006, rushing for nearly 1,700 yards. Yellowhorse was very instrumental in leading the Pirates to a fine 7-4 seasonal mark. He'll get some help from OL/DL Bryant Billy, who totaled 75 tackles a year ago.

HOPi couldn't quite get things going last year and the Bruins concluded the season with a 2-7 slate. New Head Coach Ben Willey is working hard to put those losses in the past.

"We'll be young, but we have good talent and more numbers than in recent years," says Willey. "Moving down to the 2A North should help our program immensely. We should be very competitive."

Hopi's top prospects for the 2007 campaign are QB/LB Jerry Johns (5-8, 175, Sr.), QB/RB/DE Roper Crook (5-11, 185, Sr.), FB/OT/DE Garrett Kalemisa (5-9, 220, Sr.), RB/FS Tony Pawesiema (5-8, 165, Jr.), TE/DE Trevor Crook (5-9, 175, So.), C/DL Mekael Scott (5-9, 180, Jr.), RB/CB Bryan Pawesiema (5-8, 165, So.), FB/LB Lani Ackley (5-8, 165, So.), OT/DT Desmond Lomayaktewa (5-10, 200, So.) and RB/CB Erick Kallestewa (5-8, 165, So.).

It could be a big year for the Wildcats of **JOSEPH CITY**, where a deep group of 22 lettermen return for Coach Bob Corbin. This club was good (7-2) a year ago and, with so much talent and experience on hand, the months ahead could be really interesting.

The best of the bunch are RB/LB Sean DeWitt (6-1, 205, Sr.), TE/DE Cory Thellmann (6-3, 190, Jr.), RB/DB Zack Baldwin (5-8, 170, So.), RB/DB Jared

Arder (5-8, 160, Jr.), C/DT Ryan Bray (5-10, 190, Jr.), OG/DL A.J. Taylor (5-11, 185, Sr.), OG/LB Chris Coppinger (6-0, 205, So.), QB/LB William Bain (6-0, 190, Sr.), TE/DE Spencer Baldwin (6-5, 215, So.), OG/DE William Griffith (6-1, 185, Sr.), OL/DL Alexander Paddock (5-10, 283, Jr.) and WR/DB Braden Hansen (5-9, 165, So.).

Corbin expects Jo City to compete with Williams, Mogollon, Valley Lutheran, Pima, Valley Union and Bagdad for state honors.

MAYER has 11 letterwinners back from its 1A State Championship team of a year ago. That group includes four returning regulars.

They are B/DB Aaron Want (5-9, 155, Jr.), OL/DE Jon Langdon (6-2, 230, Sr.), B/LB Luke O'Sullivan (5-10, 170, Sr.) and OL/DL Justin Van Horne (5-9, 175, Sr.).

Rick Lashley is the new head coach, after serving previously as an assistant for the Wildcats. Repeating an undefeated, state championship season is a daunting task, but Mayer has a fine football program. And they just might do it.

BAGDAD went 5-5 last year under the guidance of first-year Head Coach Bill Godsil. The Sultans are counting on 10 returning starters to lead them to higher ground this time out.

Headliners are RB/LB Gavin Beaudry (6-0, 190, Sr.), QB/DB Gaige McKean (6-1, 165, Jr.), OL/DL Jarret Yargus (6-2, 190, Jr.), RB/DB Trystian Knauer (5-6, 145, Sr.) and RB/LB Tony Dominguez (5-10, 170, Jr.).

Senior TB/LB Yoon Kim (6-1, 210) leads a nice contingent of veterans back in uniform at **ORME**. The Warriors were okay in 2006, finishing with a 4-5 ledger. Better days are just ahead.

Besides Kim, the offense features TE Alike Lemmon (6-5, 185, So.), FB J'Artagnon Coney-Robinson (5-8, 160, Sr.) and TB Spencer Sutherland (6-0, 155, Sr.), in addition to linemen Julian Gradhoff (6-3, 235, Sr.), Buddy Murray (5-11, 295, Sr.) and Michael Lonney (5-10, 175, Sr.).

Junior cornerback Chris Erickson (5-9, 150) is a playmaker in the secondary.

Northern 1A Top 6

- 1) **Joseph City Wildcats**7-2 in 2006, 22 Letterwinners Back
- 2) **Mayer Wildcats**Defending 1A State Champions
- 3) **Williams Vikings**Moving from 2A North to 1A North
- 4) **Bagdad Sultans**Coach Godsil Returns for Second Year
- 5) **Mogollon Mustangs**1A State Finalists a Year Ago
- 6) **Orme Warriors**Kim Paces Dangerous Squad

Remembering Dick Stuart

By David Kukulski

Next year, I'll celebrate my 30th year in the sports publishing business. Over the course of my career, I've worked with many school administrators, athletic directors and coaches at the high school level, as well as athletic department managers, sports information personnel and coaches at the collegiate level.

And I've worked with a number of top-flight people in advertising sales. If you're not in the publishing business, it would be nearly impossible for you to know just how important advertisers are to any publication.

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And so are officials from school districts and individual high schools. From the fall of 1991 until the end of 2006, that was Dick Stuart's specialty.

Together we worked on State Championship Programs in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, California, Nevada and Connecticut. I put the books together after Dick sold most of the ads.

A call just up the street to his beloved Brophy Prep was often followed by one to Flagstaff High and then by dozens more to Denver, San Diego and Las Vegas. Dick was absolutely relentless.

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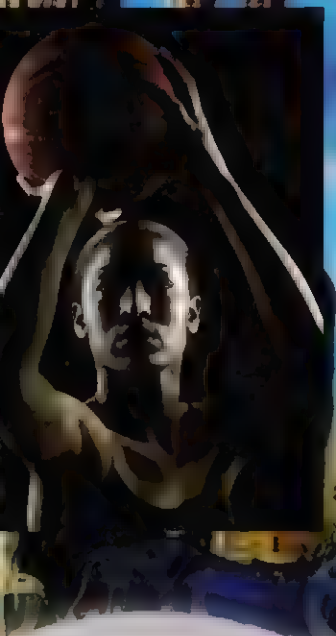
Dick was always willing to go the extra mile to help our publications get to press. As the years went by, regardless of his health, he kept making those calls.

Thanks, Dick, for everything you did. Your contributions to high school sports in Arizona, to the Fiesta Bowl and so on were truly outstanding.

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 1999Ron Estabrook, Chaparral
 1998Jim Rattay, Desert Vista
 1997Bob Young, Mingus Union
 1996Paul Moro, Blue Ridge
 1995Richard Gray, Arizona Boys Ranch
 1994Doug Shaffer, Horizon
 1993Mike Morgan, St. Johns
 1992Jim Beall, Snowflake
 1991Tom Wheatley, Agua Fria
 1990Jeff Scurran, Sabino
 1989Gary Venturo, Corona del Sol
 1988Jerry Loper, Westwood
 1987Mike Clark, Dobson
 1986Jim Rattay, Mesa
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 1984Pat Farrell, St. Mary's
 1983Jesse Parker, Mesa Mountain View
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 1975Jerry Loper, Amphitheater



Centennial's Richard Taylor

1974Bill Epperson, Coconino
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 1989 Aaron Santini, Santa Rita
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 1987 John Bonds, St. Mary's
 1986 Bobby Valdez, Sunnyside
 1985 Kent Kiefer, McClintock
 1984 Steve Belles, St. Mary's
 1983 John Walker, Marcos de Niza
 1982 Rodney Peete, Tucson Saguaro [jr]
 1981 Steve Stallworth, Yuma
 1980 Trent Hutchinson, South Mountain
 1979 Lloyd Coker, Central
 1978 Kevin Smith, Scottsdale Saguaro [jr]
 1977 Mike Pagel, Washington
 1976 Greg Brady, Coronado
 1975 Jim Krohn, Amphitheater
 1974 Cary Palmer, Mesa
 1973 Rob Wilson, Coronado
 1972 Greg Hubbell, Central
 1971 Fred Mortensen, Tempe
 1970 Fred Mortensen, Tempe [jr]
 1969 Danny White, Westwood
 1968 Bill Mannion, St. Mary's
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 1966 John Svob, Catalina
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PHILLIP AHOLT

Arizona High School Quarterback of the Year, Phillip Aholt, was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines. He is pictured here with Cactus Shadows Head Football Coach Chad DeGrenier [left].



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Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Dec. 1st

Sat., Dec. 9th

Mesa Mt. View (#1)

Casa Grande (#16)

Corona del Sol (#8)

Desert Vista (#9)

Brophy Prep (#5)

Gilbert (#12)

Chandler (#4)

St. Mary's (#13)

Basha (#3)

Highland (#14)

Salpointe Catholic (#6)

Mesa (#11)

Red Mountain (#7)

Horizon (#10)

Hamilton (#2)

Mountain Ridge (#15)

**Mesa Mt. View
(57-7)**

**Desert Vista
(42-7)**

**Brophy Prep
(34-6)**

**Chandler
(49-20)**

**Basha
(14-10)**

**Salpointe
(28-7)**

**Horizon
(24-20)**

**Hamilton
(46-21)**

**Mesa Mt. View
(28-21)**

McClintock HS
7:00 pm

**Chandler
(35-19)**

**Basha
(10-7)**

Chandler HS
7:00 pm

**Hamilton
(42-7)**

**Mesa Mt. View
(22-7)**

Univ. of Phoenix
Stadium
5:00pm

**Hamilton
(34-8)**

**Hamilton
(34-15)**



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5A-2 State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 10th

Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Nov. 24th

Sat., Dec. 2nd

Centennial (#1)

Shadow Mountain (#16) Centennial
(34-0)

Deer Valley (#8) Centennial
(49-7)

Barry Goldwater (#9) Goldwater
(29-28)

Peoria (#5) Glendale CC 7:00 pm Centennial
(51-7)

South Mountain (#12) Peoria
(56-27)

Central (#4) Peoria
(33-13)

Tolleson (#13) Tolleson
(45-17)

North Canyon (#3) Univ. of Phoenix Stadium 5:00 pm Centennial
(34-0)

Paradise Valley (#14) North Canyon
(21-10)

Ironwood (#6) MDN
(13-10)

Marcos de Niza (#11) MDN
(32-13)

Westview (#7) Flowing Wells HS 7:00 pm Sunnyside
(21-14)

Marana Mt. View (#10) Westview
(35-19)

Sunnyside (#2) Sunnyside
(13-3)

Desert Ridge (#15) Sunnyside
(54-14)



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Familiar Names Dominate 2006 Finals

But Newcomers Centennial, Cactus Shadows Emerge as First-Time Champs



It's off to the races for Coolidge running back T.J. White (#3) in the Bears' 28-21 victory over Wickenburg in the 3A title game. Cactus Shadows wide receiver Kyle Watkins (#44) turned in one of the most dynamic performances in Arizona football state finals history, grabbing 21 passes, as the Falcons upended Higley, 28-14, in the 4A-2 finale (Paynter Pics).

By David Kukulski

If you follow prep football in Arizona, you're familiar with the teams from Hamilton, Saguario, Coolidge, Thatcher and Mayer.

Hamilton ... the Huskies have been in the big-school finals five of the last six years, winning the top prize three times.

Saguario ... a couple of appearances in the finals, with one state football crown before 2006.

Coolidge ... this 3A powerhouse now has seven titles in 10 championship games ... will be going for a Three-Peat in 2007.

Thatcher ... six championships in eight

title game appearances ... the Eagles constantly battle for 2A honors.

Mayer ... two championships, seven finales in school history for the Wildcats.

So, when the 2006 season ended and the AIA awarded these clubs their beautiful trophies, it was a terrific accomplishment.

It was a proud moment in school history.

But, for the administrators, faculty, students, coaches, players and fans at Centennial and Cactus Shadows, last season was a breakthrough year.

You see, the Coyotes and Falcons, respectively, had never walked away with a state championship trophy in football before.

Not only that, but Coach Richard Taylor at Centennial and Coach Chad DeGrenier at Cactus Shadows guided their teams to perfect seasons – Centennial was 14-0 and Cactus Shadows finished 15-0. The only other undefeated prep football team last year was 1A champ Mayer.

So, congratulations to all seven champions. You gave us a lot of thrills in 2006. The quality of play continues to improve in the Grand Canyon State.

And, to Centennial and Cactus Shadows, welcome to the party! Now the fun really starts – trying to defend those titles.

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PRINCE AMUKAMARA

was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines. He is pictured here with Apollo Head Football Coach Zack Threadgill (left).



2006 Prince Amukamara, Apollo
2005 Kyle Williams, Chaparral
2004 Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley
2003 Keegan Herring, Peoria (jr)
2002 Marcus Thomas, Tolleson
2001 Randy Hill, McClintock
2000 Mike Bell, Tolleson
1999 Terrell Suggs, Hamilton
1998 Bobby Wade, Desert Vista
1997 Nathan Wize, Sabino
1996 Kyran Jones, Peoria (jr)
1995 Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro
1994 Tavon Cooper, Peoria
1993 Robert Holcombe, Mesa
1992 Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep
1991 Chris Hopkins, Salpointe
1990 Mario Bates, Amphitheater
1989 Brian Drew, McClintock
1988 Michael Bates, Amphitheater
1987 Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale
1986 Reggie McGill, St. Mary's
1985 Cleveland Colter, Jr., McClintock
1984 David Winsley, Flagstaff (jr)
1983 Paul Kasprzyk, Mesa Mountain View
1982 Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria
1981 Stan Gill, Flagstaff

1980 Fred Sims, Sunnyside
1979 Fred Sims, Sunnyside (jr)
1978 Mike Cado, Santa Cruz
1977 Alvin Moore, Coolidge
1976 Willard Reeves, Coconino
1975 Brian Felix, Phoenix Union
1974 David Mitchell, St. Mary's (jr)
1973 Ronnie Bonner, Westwood (jr)
1972 Jesse Parker, Rincon
1971 Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union
1970 Don Washington, Agua Fria (jr)
1969 Benny Malone, Santa Cruz
1968 Joe Petroschus, Tucson
1967 Tim Smith, St. Mary's
1966 Bob Soza, Westwood
1965 Art Malone, Santa Cruz
1964 Leroy Peoples, Marana
1963 James Dugan, Flagstaff
1962 Everett "Moose" Rollins, Arcadia
1961 Andy Livingston, Mesa
1960 Jim Sims, Tucson
1959 Bob Olson, South Mountain
1958 Lewis Albright, Scottsdale
1957 Clay Freney, Globe
1956 Warren Livingston, Mesa
1955 George Greathouse, Phoenix Union

4A-1 State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 10th

Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Dec. 1st

Sat., Dec. 9th

Sabino (#1)

McClintock (#16)

Ironwood Ridge (#8)

Canyon Del Oro (#9)

Chaparral (#5)

Apollo (#12)

Cienega (#4)

Marana (#13)

Saguaro (#3)

Nogales (#14)

Cactus (#6)

Sahuaro (#11)

Independence (#7)

Prescott (#10)

Agua Fria (#2)

Rincon (#15)

Sabino

(42-0)

Ironwood R.

(20-0)

Chaparral

(35-28 OT)

Cienega

(41-27)

Saguaro

(42-14)

Cactus

(34-33)

Prescott

(20-13)

Agua Fria

(49-17)

Sabino

(42-3)

Tucson HS
7:00 pm

Chaparral

(44-12)

Saguaro

(38-15)

SD O'Connor HS
7:00 pm

Agua Fria

(26-23 2OT)

Sabino

(24-14)

Univ. of Phoenix
Stadium
1:00 pm

Saguaro

(56-20)

Saguaro

(41-21)



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4A-2 State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 10th

Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Nov. 24th

Sat., Dec. 2nd

Cactus Shadows (#1)

Desert Edge (#16)	C. Shadows (45-7)
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Buckeye (#8)

Queen Creek (#9)	Queen Creek (20-0)
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Mingus (#5)

Notre Dame Prep (#12)	Mingus (41-27)
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Washington (#4)

Coronado (#13)	Washington (42-41 OT)
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Arcadia (#3)

Glendale (#14)	Arcadia (13-10)
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Apache Junction (#6)

Flagstaff (#11)	Apache Jct. (15-12)
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Palo Verde (#7)

Sunnyslope (#10)	Sunnyslope (17-14)
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Higley (#2)

Bradshaw Mountain (#15)	Higley (14-7)
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C. Shadows

(38-19)

SD O'Connor HS
7:00 pm

C. Shadows

(35-12)

Washington

(27-21)

Univ. of Phoenix
Stadium
1:00 pm

C. Shadows

(28-14)

Apache Jct.

(21-6)

Dobson HS
7:00 pm

Higley

(19-7)

Higley

(30-7)



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.....Sunnyslope
2004CHRIS McGAHA
.....Moon Valley
2003ZACH MILLER
.....Desert Vista
2002THOMAS HUFF
.....Camelback
2001ADAM MANNON
.....Hamilton
.....JOSH JORDAN
.....Chandler (jr)
2000JUNIOR TAYLOR
.....Mesa
1999SAMMY MOORE
.....Westwood
1998BRISTOL OLOMUA
.....Red Mountain
1997JASON JENKINS
.....South Mountain
1996JUSTIN TAPLIN
.....Tempe Union
1995TARIQ McDONALD
.....St. Mary's
1994KENNY MITCHELL
.....Peoria
1993KILNNY CHEATHAM
.....South Mountain
1992FREDDIE DODSON
.....Chandler
1991SIEVE BUSH
.....Paradise Valley
1990JASON BIRDSOING
.....Cactus
1989JASON BIRDSOING
.....Cactus (jr)
1988ERIC DRAGE
.....Santa Rita
1987ORLANDO MCKAY
.....Mesa
1986ERIC GULIFORD
.....Peoria (jr)



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1985STEVE MARTIN
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1984TODD YOUNG
.....Marcos de Niza
1983VINCE MASTERS
.....Coolidge (jr)
1982RANDALL McDANIEL
.....Agua Fria
1981GLENN DENNARD
.....Corona del Sol
1980SKIP PHILL
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1979JAY DOBYNS
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1978JUNIOR SOLOMON
.....Coolidge
1977CHARLES COBBS
.....Florence
1976JOHN MISLER
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1975RON WASHINGTON
.....McClintock
1974SPILLY HART
.....St. Mary's
1973PRESTON DENNARD
.....Marcos de Niza
1972DON WOODS
.....Mesa
1971WILLIE SCROGGINS
.....Safford
1970DARION GILBERT
.....Phoenix Union
1969LARRY SHORTY
.....Santa Cruz
1968ED WEATHERSPOON
.....Globe
1967CALVIN DEMERY
.....South Mountain
1966MIKE BOWLING
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1965BILL DIPLEY
.....Arcadia (jr)

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JESSE WHEELER

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Jesse Wheeler

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The Pinal County Player of the Year for 2006

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3A State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 3rd

Fri., Nov. 10th

Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Nov. 24th

Wickenburg (W#1)

Sahuarita (S#4)

Monument Valley (N#2)

Blue Ridge (E#3)

Show Low (E#2)

Tuba City (N#3)

Seton Catholic (S#1)

Parker (W#4)

Winslow (N#1)

Snowflake (E#4)

Fountain Hills (W#2)

Safford (S#3)

Coolidge (S#2)

River Valley (W#3)

Round Valley (E#1)

Window Rock (N#4)

Wickenburg

(21-12)

Blue Ridge

(35-14)

Show Low

(56-8)

Seton Catholic

(56-6)

Winslow

(39-27)

Fountain Hills

(27-20)

Coolidge

(50-7)

Round Valley

(48-0)

Wickenburg

(26-23)

Mesa CC
5:00 pm

Seton Catholic

(20-19)

Winslow

(34-14)

Mesa CC
8:00 pm

Coolidge

(50-21)

Wickenburg

(28-23)

McClintock HS
7:00 pm

Coolidge

(28-24)

Coolidge

(28-21)



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2A State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 3rd

Fri., Nov. 10th

Sat., Nov. 18th

Sat., Nov. 25th

Thatcher (E#1)

Pusch Ridge Chr. (C#3)

Camp Verde (N#2)

Yuma Catholic (W#2)

Bisbee (E#2)

Arizona Lutheran (M#3)

Hayden (C#1)

Williams (N#3)

Antelope (W#1)

Bourgade Catholic (M#4)

Valley Christian (M#1)

Willcox (E#3)

Phoenix Christian (M#2)

San Manuel (C#2)

St. Johns (N#1)

Maricopa (W#3)

Thatcher

(46-6)

Camp Verde

(48-35)

Bisbee

(33-15)

Hayden

(49-0)

Bourgade

(46-21)

Valley Chr.

(35-6)

Phx Christian

(54-8)

St. Johns

(56-7)

Thatcher

(45-12)

McClintock HS
2:00 pm

Hayden

(28-8)

Valley Chr.

(54-20)

McClintock HS
5:00 pm

Phx Christian

(21-18)

Thatcher

(40-7)

McClintock HS
2:00 pm

Valley Chr.

(9-6)

Thatcher

(42-20)



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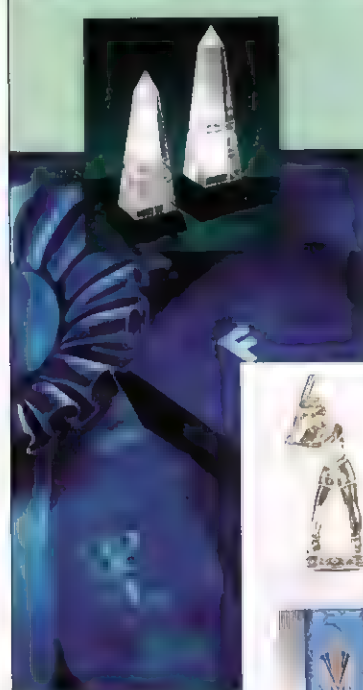
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- 2005..... Jonathan Ott, Mountain Ridge (jr)
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- 2003..... Myrio Davis, Hamilton
- 2002..... Adam Patterson, St Johns
- 2001..... Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope
- 2000..... Chaz Scott, Hamilton
- 1999..... Marcus Thurman, Desert Vista
- 1998..... Bobby Wade, Desert Vista
- 1997..... Brandon Falkner, Peoria
- 1996..... Rashad Bauman, South Mountain
- 1995..... Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro
- 1994..... Eric Johnson, Alhambra
- 1993..... Corey Hill, Sabino
- 1992..... Mitchell Freedman, Maryvale
- 1991..... James Richardson, Bradshaw Mountain (jr)
- 1990..... Eddie Cade, Santa Cruz
- 1989..... Billy Burris, Florence
- 1988..... Mike Salmon, Greenway
- 1987..... Tyrone Byrd, Chandler
- 1986..... Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra
- 1985..... Cleveland Colter Jr., McClintock
- 1984..... John Giaspie, Central
- 1983..... Anthony Parker, McClintock
- 1982..... Chuck Nixon, Shadow Mountain
- 1981..... Shawn Benson, Mesa Mountain View
- 1980..... George Duarte, Sunnyside (jr)
- 1979..... Mossy Cade, Santa Cruz
- 1978..... Jeff Colter, Amphitheater
- 1977..... Charles Cobbs, Florence
- 1976..... Felix Kelson, South Mountain
- 1975..... David Given, McClintock
- 1974..... Harold Smith, Florence
- 1973..... Rob Wilson, Coronado
- 1972..... Carl Russell, McNary
- 1971..... Danny Smith, Safford (jr)
- 1970..... Derral Davis, Tucson
- 1969..... Dick Harris, Westwood (jr)
- 1968..... Joe Petroschus, Tucson
- 1967..... Rudy Quihuis, Pueblo
- 1966..... Bill Diple, Arcadia
- 1965..... Bill Diple, Arcadia (jr)
- 1964..... LeRoy Peoples, Marana
- 1963..... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain
- 1962..... James Dugan, Flagstaff (jr)
- 1961..... Elby Bushong, Washington
- 1960..... Luther Harper, Phoenix Union
- 1959..... Jim Sims, Tucson (jr)

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Valley Union (SE#2)

Pima (SE#1)

Bagdad (C#3)

Superior (C#2)

Mayer (N#1)

Canyon State
(54-20)

Apache Junction HS
7:30 pm

Mogollon
(52-32)

Mogollon
(52-14)

Apache Junction HS
7:00 pm

Mayer
(28-20)

Pima
(52-8)

Apache Junction HS
4:30 pm

Mayer
(52-38)

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(62-6)



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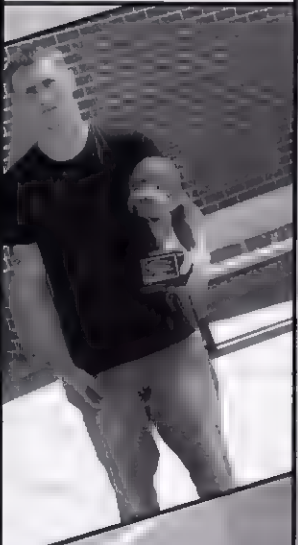
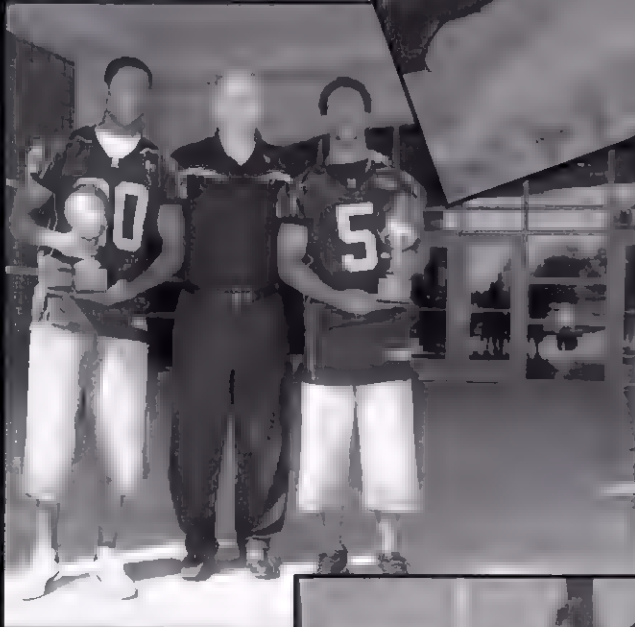
2006EVERSON GRIFFEN
.....AGUA FRIA (RB DL)
2005KYLE WILLIAMS
.....CHAPARRAL (RB/KR)
2004MATT CLAPP
.....PARADISE VALLEY (RB/LB)
2003ZACH MILLER
.....DESERT VISTA (TE/LB)
2002MARCUS THOMAS
.....TOLLESON (RB)
2001MIKE NIXON
.....SUNNYSLOPE (QB/DB)
2000MIKE BELL
.....TOLLESON (RB)
1999TERRELL SUGGS
.....HAMILTON (RB)
1998BOBBY WADE
.....DESERT VISTA (RB/DB)
1997NATHAN WIZE
.....SABINO (RB)
1996JUSTIN TAPLIN
.....TEMPE (WR/KR)
1995MIKE BROWN
.....SCOTTSDALE SAGUARO (RB DB)

1994TAVON COOPER
.....PEORIA (RB/RS)
1993KEVIN SCHMIDTKE
.....MARANA MTN. VIEW (RB)
1992MIKE MITCHELL
.....BROPHY PREP (RB)
1991CHRIS HOPKINS
.....SALPOINTE (RB)
1990MARIO BATES
.....AMPHITHEATER (RB)
1989BRIAN DREW
.....MCCLINTOCK (RB)
1988ERIC DRAGE
.....SANTA RITA (WR)
1987KEVIN CALBREATH
.....MARYVALE (RB)
1986BOBBY VALDEZ
.....SUNNYSIDE (QB)
1985CLEVELAND COLTER
.....MCCLINTOCK (RB)
1984STEVE BELLES
.....ST. MARY'S (QB)
1983ANTHONY PARKER
.....MCCLINTOCK (RB)

1982RODNEY PEETE (JR)
.....TUCSON SAHUARO (QB)
1981STAN GILL
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1978MIKE CADE
.....SANTA CRUZ (RB)
1977ALVIN MOORE
.....COOLIDGE (TB)
TIERIKI GRAY
.....AMPHITHEATER (LB)
1976GREG BRADY
.....CORONADO (QB)
1975BRIAN FELIX
.....PHOENIX UNION (RB)
1974DAVID MITCHELL (JR)
.....ST. MARY'S (RB)
TIEJIMMY MOORE
.....MARCOS DE NIZA (TE DE)
1973ROB WILSON
.....CORONADO (QB/DB)

1972JESSE PARKER
.....RINCON (RB)
1971FRED MORTENSEN
.....TEMPE (QB)
1970BILL CROWE
.....MCCLINTOCK (LB)
1969BENNY MALONE
.....SANTA CRUZ (RB)
1968JOE PETROSHUS
.....TUCSON (HB)
1967TIM SMITH
.....ST. MARY'S (RB)
1966BOB SOZA
.....WESTWOOD (TB)
TIEBILL DAWSON
.....TUCSON (OT/DT)
1965ART MALONE
.....SANTA CRUZ (TB)
1964LEROY PEOPLES
.....MARANA (HB)
1963JAMES DUGAN
.....FLAGSTAFF (HB DB)
1962EVERETT ROLLINS
.....ARCADIA (HB)

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2006 Individual Awards

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Arizona Coach of the Year	Richard Taylor, Centennial
State Player of the Year	Everson Griffen, Agua Fria
Phoenix Metro Player of the Year	Everson Griffen, Agua Fria
Northern Arizona Player of the Year	James Brooks, Flagstaff
Southern Arizona Player of the Year	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe
Arizona Quarterback of the Year	Phillip Aholt, Cactus Shadows
State Running Back of the Year	Prince Amukamara, Apollo
Arizona Receiver of the Year	Kerry Taylor, Hamilton
State Lineman of the Year	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe
Arizona Linebacker of the Year	Zach Holmes, Sunnyside
State Defensive Back of the Year	Glenn Love, Hamilton
Arizona Kicker of the Year	Alex Zendejas, Ironwood
State Underclassman of the Year	Dion Jordan, Chandler
Pinal County Player of the Year	Jesse Wheeler, Coolidge
Yuma County Player of the Year	Brandon Hall, Cibola
City Player of the Year for Chandler	Cameron Jordan, Chandler
City Player of the Year for Gilbert	Kyle Newhall-Caballero, Gilbert
City Player of the Year for Glendale	Prince Amukamara, Apollo
City Co-Player of the Year for Mesa	(tie) Ridge Nielsen, Mountain View
City Co-Player of the Year for Mesa	(tie) Riley Nielsen, Mountain View
City Player of the Year for Peoria	Tom Ramsey, Centennial
City Player of the Year for Scottsdale	Max Tabach, Saguaro
City Player of the Year for Tempe	Harrison Evens, Marcos de Niza

Our 2006 Arizona Underclassman of the Year!



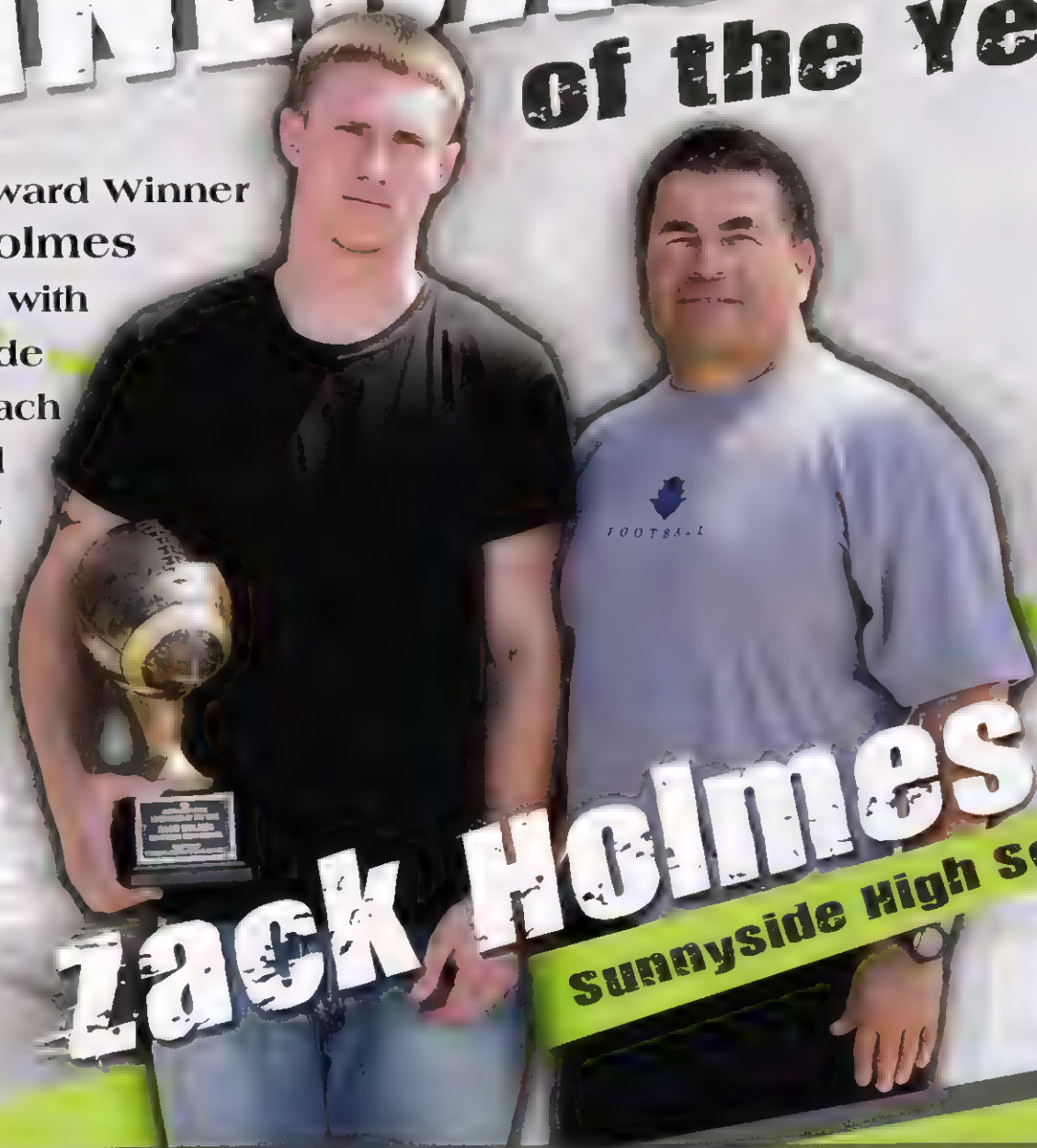
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Zach Holmes
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Head Coach
**Richard
Sanchez**



Zach Holmes

Sunnyside High School

2006 .. Zach Holmes, Sunnyside
2005 .. Gerald Munns, Hamilton
2004 .. Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley
2003 .. Zach Miller, Desert Vista
2002 .. Brent Miller, Desert Vista
2001 .. Adam Moro, Blue Ridge
2000 .. David Coronado, Sunnyside
1999 .. Austin Sendlein, Chaparral
1998 .. Brian Gaffney, Brophy Prep
1997 .. Mike Miller, Arizona Boys Ranch
1996 .. Cody Price, Westwood
1995 .. Steve Trejo, Casa Grande
1994 .. Jeff Johnson, Peoria
1993 .. Randy Hakes, Arcadia
1992 .. Jim Sprotte, Blue Ridge

1991 .. Jon McGee, Tucson Sahuaro
1990 .. Aaron Franklin, Peoria
1989 .. Daniel Taplin, Tempe
1988 .. Luke Davis, Dobson
1987 .. Jeremiah Clark, Mesa
1986 .. Odel Stewart, Buena
1985 .. Bob Davis, Mesa Mountain View
1984 .. Craig Davis, Canyon del Oro
1983 .. Tim Hicks, Sunnyslope
1982 .. Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria
1981 .. Darin Tupper, Trevor Browne
1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mesa Mountain View
1978 .. Kurt Whiteman, Scottsdale

1977 .. Riki Gray, Tucson
1973 .. Richard Rucker, Canyon del Oro
1972 .. Tim Petersen, Ajo
1971 .. Larry Gordon, Phoenix Union
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Alhambra
..... (TIE) Bill Crowe, McClintock
1969 .. Bill Crowe, McClintock (jr)
1968 .. Larry Delbridge, Coolidge
1967 .. Jeff Quinn, Westwood
1966 .. Jay Ray Rokey, Westwood
1965 .. Bill Owsley, North
1964 .. Ron Hendrix, Camelback
1963 .. Dana Woudenberg, Arcadia
1962 .. Fred Carr, Phoenix Union (jr)
1961 .. Ross Shannon, North

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Kickoff Classic (Salpointe vs Brophy)

August 30th
Bourgade Catholic at Northwest Christian

August 31st
Independence at Sabino

September 6th
Centennial at Hamilton

September 13th
Tempe at McClintock

September 14th
Sunnyside at Central

September 20th
Brophy at Mountain View

September 27th
Mingus at Sandra Day O'Connor

September 28th
Canyon del Oro at Cienega

October 4th
Saguaro at Cactus Shadows

October 11th
Red Mountain at Westwood

October 18th
Skyline vs Horizon

October 25th
Ironwood at Westview

October 26th
Buena at Salpointe

November 1st
Basha at Corona del Sol

November 9th
Playoff Round 1

November 16th
Playoff Round 2

November 23rd
(Playoff game or 2A/3A Championship)

November 24th
(2A/3A Championship)

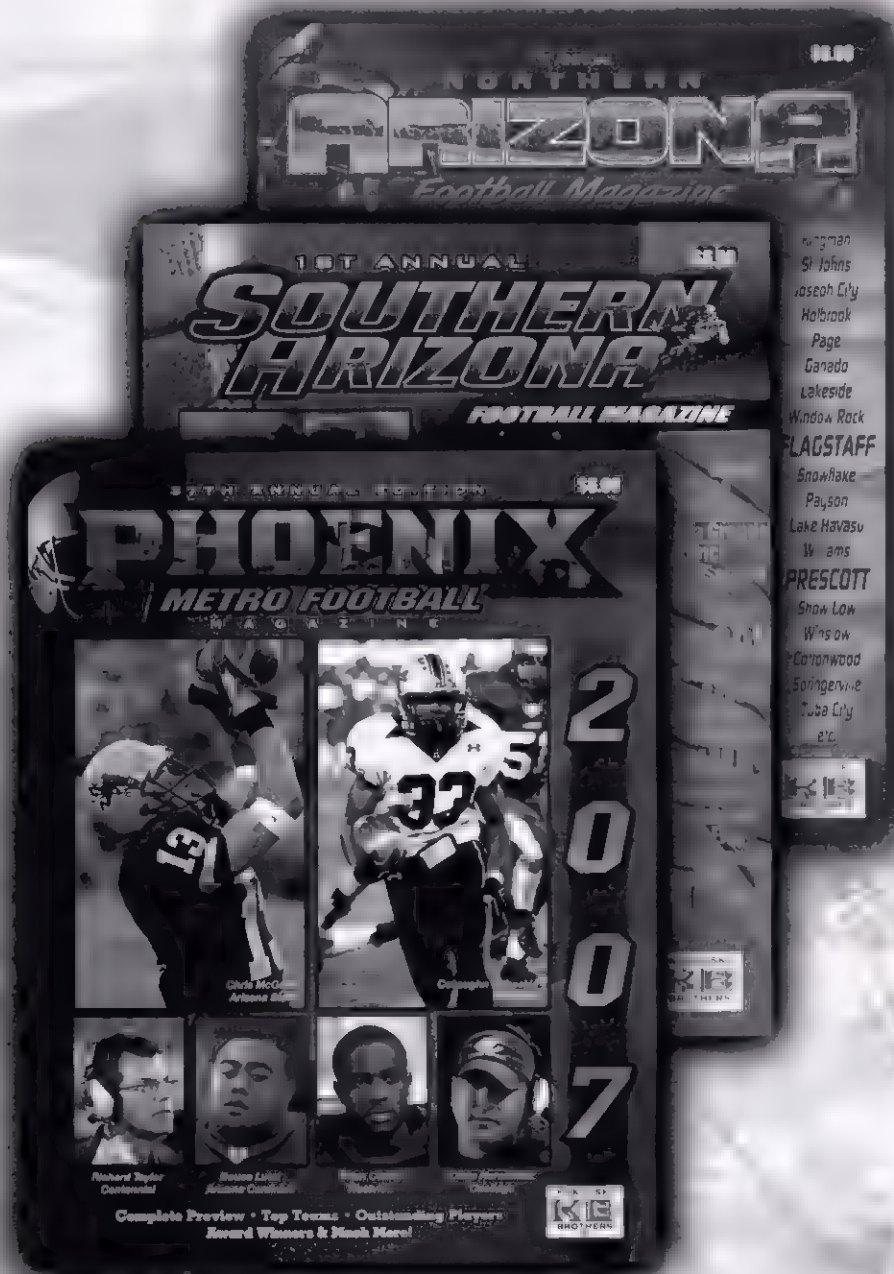
December 1st
(4A-2/5A-2 Championship at University of Phoenix Stadium)

December 8th
(4A-1/5A-1 Championship at University of Phoenix Stadium)

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ARIZONA'S KICKER OF THE YEAR



Arizona High School Kicker of the Year, Alex Zendejas of Ironwood High School, was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines.

- 2006..... Alex Zendejas, Ironwood
- 2005..... Ezra Ricks, Cactus
- 2004..... Kyle Day, Sahuarita
- 2003..... Bubba Bradley, Cactus
- 2002..... Esteban Bayona, Marana de Niza
- 2001..... Erik Contos, Red Mountain
- 2000..... Ryan Slack, Salpointe Catholic
- 1999..... Scott Lane, Chaparral
- 1998..... Ramey Peru, Dobson
- 1997..... Josh Lane, Phoenix Christian
- 1996..... Jeremy Kelley, Mesa Mountain View
- 1995..... Jim Sanson, St. Mary's
- 1994..... Jim Sanson, St. Mary's
- 1993..... Matt Belden, Glendale
- 1992..... Marcus Williams, McClintock
- 1991..... Matt Peyton, Tucson Sal
- TIE..... Dominic DeMark, Prescott
- 1990..... Cole Ford, Orofino
- 1989..... Tom Belden, Glendale
- 1988..... Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuar
- 1987..... Steve Rausch, Dobson
- 1986..... Quin Rodriguez, Dobson
- 1985..... Mike Cortright, St. Mary's
- 1984..... Mike Schuh, Mesa Mountain View
- 1983..... Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian
- 1982..... Richard Jones, Chaparral
- 1981..... Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee
- 1980..... Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee
- 1979..... Tom Wood, Washington
- 1978..... Tom Wood, Washington
- 1977..... Bill Zivic, Palo Verde
- 1976..... Kevin Rutledge, Gilbert
- 1975..... Monte Varah, Scottsdale Saguaro
- 1974..... Gary Williams, Blue Ridge
- 1973..... Lee Pistor, Central
- 1972..... Pat Whitehurst, North
- 1971..... Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's
- 1970..... Jeff Hernandez, Miami
- 1969..... Danny White, Westwood
- 1968..... Cleveland Colter, Marana
- 1967..... Luis Vega, Phoenix West
- TIE..... Marty Shuford, Scottsdale Saguaro
- 1966..... Luis Vega, Phoenix West
- 1965..... Jim McCann, North
- 1964..... Ron Hendrix, Camelback
- 1963..... Sam Maya, Glendale
- 1962..... Tom Lindsey, Marana
- 1961..... Tom Crater, Gilbert

Is This THE Year for the Cardinals?

WHISENHUNT TAKES OVER AS HEAD COACH

Obviously, the Cardinals didn't enjoy much success in 2006. Fans of professional football teams that win five and lose 11 have very little to celebrate, with rare exceptions.

Management wasn't too thrilled either. At season's end, Coach Dennis Green was fired and the Ken Whisenhunt era began. Certainly, Whisenhunt has a great reputation in the league, having served on the coaching staff of the Pittsburgh Steelers for the past six years. And he brought along Russ Grimm to serve as his assistant head coach; Grimm is widely regarded as one of the top offensive line coaches in football.

It isn't as though the Cardinals don't have talent. In fact, that shaky 5-11 ledger could easily have been 8-8 or better, if Arizona had just closed out some games they let get away. Bitter early-season home losses to St. Louis (16-14), Kansas City (23-20) and Chicago (24-23) left fans shaking their heads in disbelief as they exited brand-new University of Phoenix Stadium.

Can they get it right? Start with second-year quarterback Matt Leinart. Green benched veteran Kurt Warner when the club started slowly. In the middle of a devastating seven-game losing streak, Leinart got the nod. He completed nearly 57% of his passes, threw for over 2,500 yards, but finished with more interceptions (12) than touchdowns (11). Warner contributed another 1,377 yards passing, but he was far from spectacular.

Leinart must become the quarterback the Cardinals envisioned when they drafted him. And the sooner the better. Because the franchise needs a great quarterback so badly, Arizona fans are hoping Leinart can grow up quickly.

He has a great pair of wideouts in Anquan Bolden and Larry Fitzgerald. They combined for 152 receptions for 2,149 yards and 10 six-pointers in 2006. And their numbers were down! Remember Fitzgerald missed nearly half of last season due to injury. In 2005, the pair totaled 205 catches for 2,811 yards and 17 TDs.

Former Indianapolis Colt Edgerrin James was signed last year to energize the rushing attack. The results were so-so. Yes, James gained his 1,000 yards, but he averaged just 3.4 yards per carry and his long-gainer of the year was 18 yards.

Everyone knows Arizona has been extremely disappointing in the offensive line. Big Leonard Davis left for Dallas and the

Cardinals brought in a couple of notable free agents (Mike Gandy and Al Johnson), along with first-round pick Levi Brown of Penn State to shore things up. It looks as though second-year pro Deuce Lutui is a keeper on the OL too.

Grimm just needs to work his magic with this group.

Defensively, the Cardinals gave up 24 points and 349 yards in total offense per game. While not horrible, Whisenhunt will be looking for substantial improvement here too.

Veteran safety Adrian Wilson is a playmaker and



The Cardinals went with rookie Matt Leinart at quarterback for most of the 2006 campaign. The former Heisman Trophy winner had his moments, throwing for 2,547 yards and 11 scores. But, for Arizona to post a winning record and have a shot at the playoffs, Coach Whisenhunt and crew will need Leinart to improve on those numbers in 2007 (Paynter Pics).

was named to the Pro Bowl last season for the first time in his career. He wound up with 82 tackles, five sacks, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries on the year.

Who else will step up? Will youngsters like LB Gerald Hayes, LB Karlos Dansby, CB Antrel Rolle, DT Darnell Dockett, S Aaron Francisco, etc. get the job done? Can DE Bertrand Berry make it through a full season and avoid major injuries? Defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast was retained by Whisenhunt and is widely respected.

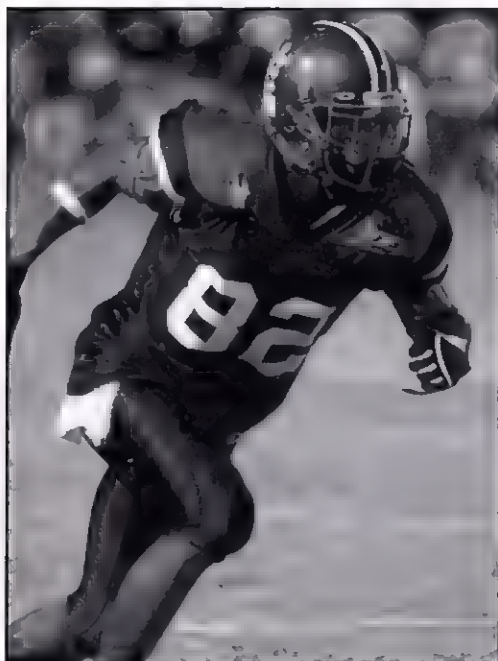
NFL football is known as a field-position game. Can the defense come together and give Leinart and that evolving Arizona offense a short field to the red zone?

How about a few smiles for those Big Red boosters leaving that beautiful stadium this year?

2007 Schedule

Sept. 10.....at San Francisco 49ers
 Sept. 16.....Seattle Seahawks
 Sept. 23.....at Baltimore Ravens
 Sept. 30.....Pittsburgh Steelers
 Oct. 7.....at St. Louis Rams
 Oct. 14.....Carolina Panthers
 Oct. 21.....at Washington Redskins
 Oct. 28.....BYE
 Nov. 4.....at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
 Nov. 11.....Detroit Lions
 Nov. 18.....at Cincinnati Bengals
 Nov. 25.....San Francisco 49ers
 Dec. 2.....Cleveland Browns
 Dec. 9.....at Seattle Seahawks
 Dec. 16.....at New Orleans Saints
 Dec. 23.....Atlanta Falcons
 Dec. 30.....St. Louis Rams

2006 All-Arizona Honorees



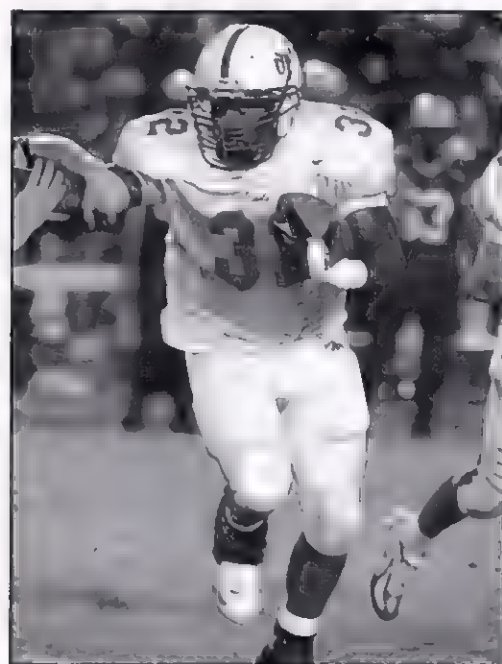
Chandler's Dion Jordan was one of five juniors to make our All-Arizona team in 2006 (Paynter Pics).

OFFENSIVE TEAM

QB	Phillip Aholt, Cactus Shadows, 6-4, 210, Sr.
QB	Riley Nielsen, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 220, Sr.
RB	Prince Amukamara, Apollo, 6-1, 185, Sr.
RB	Covaughn Deboskie, Hamilton, 5-11, 180, Jr.
RB	Ray Polk, Brophy Prep, 6-1, 190, Jr.
WR	T.R. Simpson, Peoria, 6-2, 175, Sr.
WR	Kerry Taylor, Hamilton, 6-1, 180, Sr.
WR	Kyle Watkins, Cactus Shadows, 6-4, 215, Sr.
TE	Dion Jordan, Chandler, 6-6, 215, Jr.
OL	Blake Behrens, Brophy Prep, 6-4, 280, Sr.
OL	Javario Burkes, Moon Valley, 6-5, 325, Sr.
OL	Marcel Jones, Trevor Browne, 6-8, 310, Sr.
OL	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe Catholic, 6-4, 300, Sr.
OL	Zach Schlink, Centennial, 6-5, 280, Jr.
K	Alex Zendejas, Ironwood, 6-0, 170, Sr.

DEFENSIVE TEAM

DL	James Brooks, Flagstaff, 6-6, 260, Sr.
DL	Everson Griffen, Agua Fria, 6-4, 253, Sr.
DL	Cameron Jordan, Chandler, 6-4, 255, Sr.
DL	Ridge Nielsen, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 230, Sr.
DL	Tom Ramsey, Centennial, 5-11, 268, Sr.
LB	Jeff Alder, Wickenburg, 5-11, 175, Sr.
LB	Kyle Flannery, Basha, 5-10, 185, Sr.
LB	Zach Holmes, Sunnyside, 5-10, 195, Sr.
DB	Jeffrey Hughes, Centennial, 5-11, 193, Jr.
DB	Glenn Love, Hamilton, 6-4, 205, Sr.
DB	Max Tabach, Saguardo, 6-2, 170, Sr.
DB	Jesse Wheeler, Coolidge, 5-10, 165, Sr.
DB	T.J. White, Coolidge, 5-10, 175, Sr.
P	Jimmy Klingensmith, Marcos de Niza, 6-2, 200, Sr.
KR	Warren Johnson, Centennial, 5-9, 145, Sr.



Agua Fria's Everson Griffen was an outstanding two-way performer for the Owls. He's arguably the most recruited player in our state's history (Paynter Pics).

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2007 Varsity Schedule

8/31 Paradise Valley
9/7 Agua Fria
9/14 @ Cholla
9/20 @ Cactus
9/27 Mingus
10/5 @ Independence
10/12 Thunderbird
10/19 @ Sunnyslope
10/26 @ Prescott
11/2 Apollo

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2008 Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe Catholic (DL)
2005 Jon Hargis, Red Mountain (DL)
2004 Daniel Borg, Ironwood Ridge (DL)
2003 John Kadous, Salpointe Catholic (DL)
2002 Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)
2001 Loren Howard, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)
2000 Richie Incognito, Mountain Ridge (OT)
1999 Josh Kirkwood, Maryvale (DL)
1998 Brandon Phillips, Corona del Sol (OT)
1997 Mike Saffer, Sabino (OT)
1996 Ralph Zarate, Tucson (OT)
TIE Brian Kula, Brophy Prep (DL)
1995 Chris Watkins, Highland (DL)
1994 Matt Griffith, Mesa (NG)
1993 Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuaro (DL)
1992 John Tait, McClintock (OT)
1991 Willie Walker, Desert View (DL)
1990 Grady Stretz, McClintock (DL)
1989 Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)
1988 Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
1987 Richard Griffith, Catalina (DL)
1986 Tim Landers, Round Valley (OT)
1985 Gary Pay, Apollo (T)
1984 Vincent Byrd, Santa Cruz (DT)
1983 Steve Spurling, Horizon (C)
1982 Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
1981 Frank Rudolph, Coronado (DL)
1980 Tom Briehl, Gerard (T)
1979 Dave Wood, Washington (DL)
1978 Doug Kellermeyer, Coronado (DL)
1977 Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
1976 Jack Housely, Maryvale (DL)
1975 Phil Hedrick, Maryvale (T)
1974 Jimmy Moore, Marcos de Niza (DL)
1973 Jon Abbott, Central (T)
1972 Keith Sobraske, Coronado (T)
1971 Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)
1970 Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
1969 Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)
1968 Fernie Mendoza, Salpointe Catholic (T)
1967 Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
1966 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)
1965 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.
1964 Richard Griffin, Westwood (OT)
1963 Curley Culp, Yuma (NG)
1962 Gary Swift, Arcadia (T)
TIE Bob Bertelsen, Arcadia (T)
1961 Allen Thorn, St. Mary's (C)
1960 Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
1959 Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)

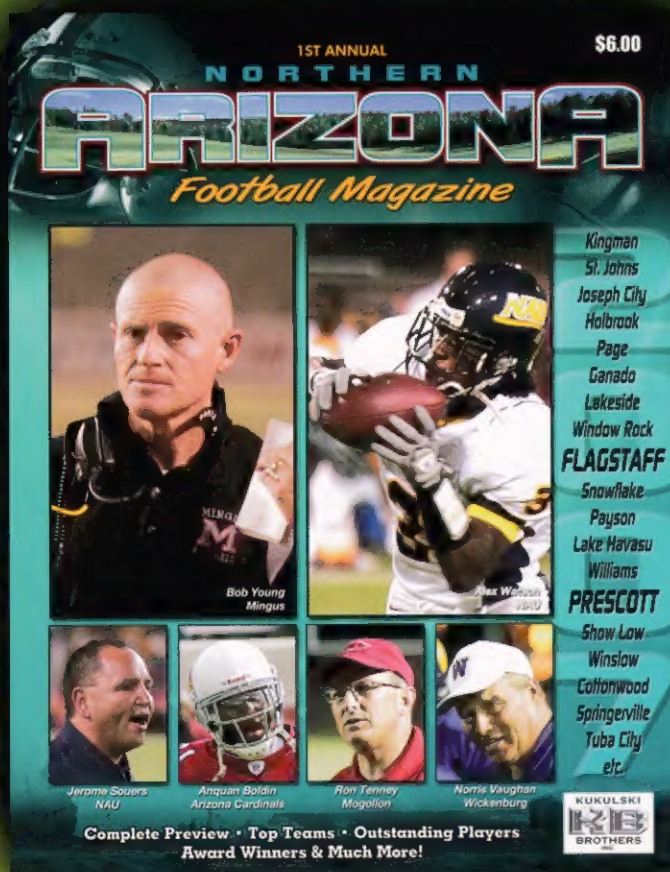


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